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- **abase** lower; degrade; humiliate; make humble; make (oneself) lose self-respect
- ♠ **abash** embarrass
- ♠ **abate** subside or moderate
- **abbreviate** shorten
- **abdicate** renounce; give up (position, right, or responsibility)
- **aberrant** abnormal or deviant
- **aberration** deviation from the normal; mental disorder
- ♠ **abet** assist usually in doing something wrong; encourage
- ♠ **abeyance** suspended action
- **abhor** detest; hate
- **abject** (of a condition) wretched; as low as possible; lacking pride; very humble; showing lack of self-respect; Ex. abject apology
- **abjure** renounce upon oath
- **ablution** washing
- **abnegation** renunciation; self-sacrifice; self-abnegation
- **abolish** cancel; put an end to
- **abominate** loathe; hate
- **abominable** detestable; extremely unpleasant
- **aboriginal** being the first of its kind in a region; primitive; native; indigenous; N. aborigine
- **abortive** unsuccessful; fruitless
- **abrasive** rubbing away; tending to grind down
- **abridge** condense or shorten
- **abrogate** abolish
- ♠ **abscission** cutting off; separation
- **abscond** depart secretly and hide
- **absolute** complete; totally unlimited; having complete power; certain; not relative; Ex. absolute honesty/ruler; CF. absolutism
- **absolve** pardon (an offense)
- **abstain** refrain; withhold from participation; intentionally not use one's vote;
- **abstemious** sparing in eating and drinking; temperate
- **abstinence** restraint from pleasant things, esp. eating or drinking; CF. abstention: act of abstaining from vote
- **abstract** theoretical; not concrete; nonrepresentational
- ♡ **representational** (of a style of art) showing things as they actually appear in real life
- **abstruse** obscure; profound; difficult to understand
- **abusive** coarsely insulting; physically harmful
- ♠ **abut** border upon; adjoin
- **abyssmal** bottomless

- **abyss** enormous chasm; vast bottomless pit
- **academic** related to a school; not practical or directly useful
- **accede** agree
- **accelerate** move faster
- **accessible** easy to approach; obtainable
- **accessory** additional object; useful but not essential thing
- **acclaim** applaud; praise; greet with great approval; announce with great approval; Ex. The new drung has been acclaimed as the most important discoveries for years; N: strong expression of approval and praise
- **acclimate** adjust to climate or environment; adapt
- ♠ **acclivity** sharp upslope of a hill; OP. declivity
- **accolade** award of merit; strong praise and approval
- ♡ **merit** good quality deserving praise; merits: aspect of character or behavior deserving approval or disapproval; Ex. judge each plan on its own merits; V: deserve; earn
- ♡ **demerit** fault; bad quality
- ♡ **earn** gain for the performance of service or labor; gain (something that one deserves); deserve
- **accommodate** oblige or help someone; adjust or bring into harmony; adapt; make enough space for; ADJ. accommodative; CF. accomodating: helpful and obliging
- **accomplice** partner in crime
- **accord** agreement
- **accost** approach and speak first to a person
- ♠ **accoutre** equip; N. accoutrement
- **accretion** growth or increase in size by gradual addition; growth; increase; increase by natural growth; Ex. towers and other accretions of the castle; V. accrete
- **accrue** come to one as a gain; accumulate over time; come about by addition; Ex. benefits that accrue from scientific research; Ex. interest accruing in a bank account; N. accrual
- ♠ **acerbity** bitterness of speech and temper; ADJ. acerbic; bitter; acrid (in taste, manner, or tone)
- ♡ **bitter** having a sharp biting taste; ; causing sharp pain to the body or mind; filled with resentment, disappointment, or other unpleasant feelings; Ex. bitter wind/sorrow/tears
- ♡ **biting** sharply painful to the body or mind; Ex. biting wind/remarks
- ♠ **acetic** vinegary
- ♠ **acidulous** slightly sour (in taste or manner); sharp; caustic
- **acknowledge** recognize; admit
- ♠ **acme** peak; pinnacle; highest point
- **acoustics** science of sound; quality that makes a room easy or hard to hear in
- **acquiesce** assent; agree passively; comply without protest

□ **acquittal** deliverance from a charge; V. **acquit**: free from a charge or accusation; discharge from a duty; conduct (oneself) in a specified manner

♠ **acrid** bitter (to the taste or smell); sharp; bitterly pungent

♠ **acrimonious** stinging; caustic; bitter in words or manner; N. **acrimony**: bitter ill-natured animosity in speech or behavior

□ **acrophobia** fear of heights

□ **actuarial** calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics

□ **actuary** someone who advises insurance companies

♠ **actuate** motivate; activate; cause to act

□ **acuity** sharpness (of mind or senses of sight or hearing)

□ **acumen** mental keenness; sharpness of judgment; ability to judge quickly and well; Ex. business acumen

□ **acute** (of the senses) sharp; quickly perceptive; keen; penetrating; brief and severe; Ex. acute sense of smell/analysis/pain

♠ **adage** wise saying; proverb

♡ **proverb** adage; someone or something well known for notoriety; ADJ. proverbial: of a proverb; widely known; ADV. proverbially

□ **adamant** hard; inflexible

□ **adapt** make or become suitable for a specific use; alter; modify; adjust; N. **adaptation**: act of adapting; composition recast into a new form; Ex. The play is an adaption of a short novel.

♠ **addendum** addition; appendix to book; something that is added (as at the end of a speech or book)

□ **addiction** compulsive habitual need

♠ **addle** make or become confused; muddle; drive crazy; become rotten (egg)

□ **address** direct a speech to; speak to; deal with or discuss; direct one's efforts or attention to; make with a destination; N: formal speech

□ **adept** expert at; very skilled

□ **adhere** stick fast; be a devoted follower; N. **adhesion**: adhering; devotion; loyalty

□ **adherent** supporter; follower

□ **adjacent** adjoining; neighboring; close by

♡ **adjoin** be next to

♡ **adjourn** suspend until a later time; move from one place to another

□ **adjunct** something attached to but holding an inferior position

□ **adjuration** solemn urging; V. **adjure**: entreat earnestly; enjoin solemnly

♠ **adjutant** staff officer assisting the commander; assistant

□ **admonish** warn or speak to with gentle disapproval; reprove

♡ **adore** love deeply and respect highly

□ **adorn** decorate

□ **adroit** skillful (in using mind or hand)

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□ **adulation** flattery; admiration that is more than is necessary or deserved

□ **adulterate** make impure or of poorer quality by adding inferior or tainted (contaminated) substances

□ **advent** arrival

□ **adventitious** accidental; casual; happening by chance

□ **adversary** opponent; enemy

□ **adverse** going against; opposing; unfavorable; hostile

□ **adversity** great hardship or affliction; misfortune; calamitous event

♠ **advert** refer

□ **advocacy** support; active pleading on behalf of someone or something

□ **advocate** speak in favor of; support (an idea or plan); urge; plead for

♠ **aegis** shield; protection; defense

♠ **aerie(aery,eyrie,eyry)** nest of a large bird of prey

□ **aesthetic** artistic; dealing with or capable of appreciating the beautiful (of a person or building); CF. aesthete; CF. aesthetics

□ **affable** easily approachable; easy to talk to; warmly friendly

□ **affected** artificial; pretended

□ **affidavit** written statement made under oath (for use as proof in a court of law)

□ **affiliation** joining; associating with

□ **affinity** feeling of kinship; similarity; Ex. strong affinity for her; Ex. many affinities between two languages

□ **affirmation** positive assertion; confirmation; solemn pledge by one who refuses to take an oath; V. **affirm**; ADJ. **affirmative**; CF. **affirmative action**: positive discrimination

□ **affliction** state of distress; trial; cause of distress or suffering; V. **afflict**: inflict grievous suffering on

□ **affluence** abundance; wealth

□ **affront** insult; offense; intentional act of disrespect; V. insult or hurt the feelings of intentionally

♠ **agape** openmouthed

♠ **agenda** items of business at a meeting

♠ **agglomeration** collection; heap; V. **agglomerate**: gather into a rounded mass; N. **agglomerate**: jumbled mass; heap

□ **aggrandize** make greater; increase in power, wealth, rank, or honor; N. **aggrandizement**

□ **aggregate** sum; total; ADJ. V: gather into a mass or whole; accumulate; add up to; Ex. aggregate 100 dollars

□ **aghast** filled with great surprise or fear; horrified

□ **agility** nimbleness; ability to move quickly

□ **agitate** stir up; disturb

□ **agnostic** one who is skeptical of the existence or knowability of a god or any ultimate reality

♠ **agog** highly excited; intensely curious

□ **agrarian** pertaining to land or its cultivation; Ex. agrarian reform

□ **alacrity** cheerful promptness without reluctance

□ **alchemy** medieval chemistry

♠ **alcove** nook; recess

□ **alias** an assumed name esp. by a criminal (usually to mislead people); ADV. alias

□ **alienate** make unfriendly or hostile; estrange; separate; change the ownership of

□ **alimentary** supplying nourishment

♠ **alimony** payments made regularly to an ex-spouse after divorce

□ **allay** calm; pacify

□ **allege** state without proof

□ **allegiance** loyalty

♠ **allegory** story, play, or picture in which characters are used as symbols; fable

□ **alleviate** relieve (pain)

□ **alliteration** repetition of beginning sound in poetry

□ **allocate** assign; set apart for a particular purpose

♡ **earmark** set aside (money or time) for a particular purpose

□ **alloy** mixture as of metals; something added that lowers in value or purity; V: mix; make less pure; lower in value or quality; spoil; CF. unalloyed: not in mixture with other metals; pure; complete; unqualified; Ex. unalloyed happiness

□ **allude** refer indirectly; N. allusion: indirect reference

□ **allure** entice; attract; tempt

♡ **siren** apparatus for making sounds; womanlike creature

□ **alluvial** pertaining to soil deposits left by running water

♠ **aloof** apart; not open in one's relationship with other people; reserved; ADV.

♠ **aloft** upward; high up in the air

□ **altercation** noisy quarrel

□ **altruistic** unselfishly generous; concerned for others; N. altruism: unselfish concern for the welfare of others; unselfishness; OP. egoism

♠ **amalgamate** (of societies or groups) combine; unite in one body

♠ **amalgam** combination of different things; mixture of metals (containing mercury) used for filling holes in teeth

♠ **amass** collect (gradually, in a very large amount)

□ **amazon** female warrior

□ **ambidextrous** capable of using either hand with equal ease

□ **ambience** environment; atmosphere; Ex. restaurant with a pleasant ambience; ADJ. ambient: completely surrounding; Ex. ambient temperature

□ **ambiguous** unclear or doubtful in meaning; having more than one possible interpretation

□ **ambivalence** the state of having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes or opinions

□ **amble** walking at an easy unhurried pace; V: walk slowly and aimlessly

♠ **ambrosia** food of the gods

♡ **nectar** drink of the gods; sweet liquid collected by bees

□ **ambulatory** able to walk

□ **ameliorate** improve

□ **amenable** obedient; compliant; readily managed; responsive; willing to be led; answerable or accountable legally; responsible; able to be tested by; Ex. amenable to sensible suggestions; Ex. He is very amenable; Ex. amenable to the usual tests

□ **amend** correct; change ; generally for the better

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□ **amenities** convenient features that helps to make life pleasant; social courtesies

□ **amiable** agreeable; lovable; warmly friendly

□ **amicable** peaceful; politely friendly; not quarrelsome; Ex. amicable settlement

♠ **amiss** wrong; faulty; Ex. something amiss; ADV.

□ **amity** friendship; peaceful relationship as between nations

□ **amnesia** loss of memory

□ **amnesty** pardon (allowed by government to political criminals)

□ **amoral** nonmoral; having no understanding of right and wrong

□ **amorous** moved by sexual love; loving; of sexual love; Ex. amorous advances

□ **amorphous** formless; lacking shape or definition

□ **amphibian** able to live both on land and in water; N.

□ **amphitheater** oval building with tiers of seats; CF. arena

♠ **ample** enough; abundant; spacious; large in size; Ex. ample opportunity/garden; N. amplitude: quality of being ample; abundance; largeness of space

□ **amplify** increase in size or effect; expand; broaden or clarify by expanding; intensify; make stronger; Ex. amplify one's remarks with a graph

♠ **amputate** cut off part of body; prune (a limb)

♠ **amok(amuck)** in a state of rage; Ex. run amok

♠ **amulet** charm; talisman; an object worn believed to protect against evil, bad luck

□ **anachronism** an error involving time in a story; something or someone misplaced in time; ADJ. anachronistic

♠ **analgesic** causing insensitivity to pain; N.

♡ **analgesia** condition of being unable to feel pain

□ **analogous** comparable; similar

□ **analogy** similarity; parallelism; comparing two similar things

□ **anarchist** person who seeks to overturn the established government; advocate of abolishing authority

□ **anarchy** absence of governing body; state of disorder

♠ **anathema** solemn curse; someone or something regarded as a curse; V. anathematize

□ **ancestry** family descent; ADJ. ancestral

□ **anchor** secure or fasten firmly; be fixed in place; N. anchor-age

□ **ancillary** serving as an aid or accessory; auxiliary; N.

□ **anecdote** short story of an amusing or interesting event

□ **anemia** condition in which blood lacks red corpuscles; ADJ. anemic

□ **anesthetic** substance that removes sensation with or without loss of consciousness; N. anesthesia

□ **anguish** acute pain; extreme suffering

□ **angular** sharp-cornered; having an angle; not rounded (body); bony; lean; gaunt; stiff in manner 

□ **animadversion** critical remark; V. animadvert: comment critically with disapproval

□ **animated** lively; spirited

□ **animosity** active enmity

♠ **animus** hostile feeling or intent; animosity; hostility; disposition

□ **annals** records arranged in yearly parts; history

□ **anneal** reduce brittleness and improve toughness by heating and cooling (metal or glass)

□ **annex** attach; add to a large thing; take possession of; incorporate (territory) into a larger existing political unit (by force); N: building added to a large one

□ **annihilate** destroy

□ **annotate** comment; make explanatory notes

□ **annuity** yearly allowance

□ **annul** make void

♡ **elope** run away secretly with the intention of getting married

♠ **anodyne** drug that relieves pain or trouble; opiate; ADJ. Ex. anodyne statement

□ **anoint** consecrate; put oil on (in a religious ceremony)

□ **anomalous** abnormal; irregular

□ **anomaly** irregularity

□ **anonymity** state of being nameless; anonymousness; ADJ. anonymous

□ **antagonism** hostility; active opposition; V. antagonize: cause to become an enemy; N. antagonist: person who is opposed to another; opponent; adversary; principal character in opposition to the protagonist

♡ **protagonist** leader or noticeable supporter of an idea; chief character in a play or story

□ **antecede** precede

□ **antecedents** preceding events that influence what comes later; ancestors or early background

□ **antediluvian** antiquated; extremely ancient

♠ **anthem** song of praise or patriotism; Ex. national anthem

♠ **anthology** book of literary selections by various authors; CF. omnibus

□ **anthropoid** manlike; resembling a human being; N.

□ **anthropologist** student of the history and science of humankind

□ **anthropomorphic** having human form or characteristics

□ **anticlimax** letdown in thought or emotion; something unexciting, ordinary, or disappointing coming after something important or exciting

□ **antidote** remedy to counteract a poison or disease; Ex. antidote to the economic troubles

□ **antipathy** aversion; dislike or opposition

♠ **antiquated** obsolete; old-fashioned; outdated

♡ **antique** made in an earlier period and usu. valuable; N: object that was made in an earlier period and that is rare or valuable

♡ **antiquity** quality of being very old; ancient times;

□ **antiseptic** substance that prevents infection in a wound; ADJ.

□ **antithesis** contrast; direct opposite of or to; ADJ. antithetic or antithetical

♡ **antler** bony growth on the head of a deer

♠ **anvil** iron block used in hammering out metals

□ **apathy** lack of caring; indifference; lack of concern or interest in important matters; Ex. He was sunk in apathy after his failure; ADJ. apathetic

♠ **ape** imitate or mimic (a person's behavior or manner)

♠ **aperture** opening; hole; adjustable opening in a camera that limits the amount of light

♠ **apex** tip; summit; climax; highest point

□ **aphasia** loss of speech due to injury or illness

□ **aphorism** pithy maxim or saying; ADJ. aphoristic

♠ **apiary** a place where bees are kept

♡ **hive** box for bees; V: cause to go in a hive

♡ **apiculture** bee-keeping

♡ **apiarist** person who keeps bees

♠ **aplomb** poise; composure in difficult situations; assurance; self-confidence

♡ **poise** good judgment with composure; balance; V: place in a carefully balanced position

□ **apocalyptic** prophetic; pertaining to revelations especially of disaster; N. apocalypse

♠ **apocryphal** (of a story) widely believed but untrue 

□ **apogee** highest point; the point farthest from the earth; OP. perigee

♠ **apolitical** having an aversion or lack of concern for political affairs

♠ **apologist** one who writes in defense of a cause or institution; N. apologia

♠ **apoplexy** stroke; loss of consciousness caused by too much blood in the brain

♠ **apostate** one who abandons his religious faith or political beliefs; N. apostasy

♠ **apothecary** druggist; pharmacist

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♠ **apothegm(apophthegm)** pithy, compact saying

♠ **apotheosis** elevation to godhood; an ideal example of something

□ **appall** dismay; shock deeply

□ **apparition** ghost; phantom

□ **appease** pacify or soothe; Ex. appease a crying baby; N. appeasement

♠ **appellation** name; title

□ **append** attach

♠ **application** diligent attention; diligence; V. apply oneself

□ **apposite** appropriate; fitting

□ **appraise** estimate value of; N. appraisal

□ **appreciate** be thankful for; increase in worth; be thoroughly conscious of; ADJ. appreciable: enough to be felt; Ex. appreciable difference

□ **apprehend** arrest (a criminal); dread; perceive; N. apprehension

♠ **apprehensive** fearful; discerning

□ **apprise** inform

□ **approbation** approval

□ **appropriate** acquire; take possession of for one's own use without permission; set aside for a particular purpose; allocate; CF. misappropriate

♠ **appurtenances** subordinate possessions; something added to a more important thing

♠ **apropos** with reference to; regarding; Ex. remarks apropos (of) the present situation; ADJ. ADV.

□ **aptitude** fitness; talent

♠ **aquiline** curved; hooked; of or like an eagle; Ex. aquiline nose 

♠ **arable** fit for growing crops; Ex. arable land

□ **arbiter** person with power to decide a matter in dispute; judge who is in a position of make influential judgments; Ex. supreme arbiter of fashion in beachware

□ **arbitrary** unreasonable or capricious; random; tyrannical; Ex. arbitrary ruler

□ **arbitrate** act as judge (at the request of both sides)

♠ **arboretum** place where different trees and shrubs are studied and exhibited

♡ **arboreal** of or living in trees

□ **arcade** a covered passageway usually lined with shops

□ **arcane** esoteric; secret; mysterious; known only to the initiated; Ex. arcane ritual; Ex. arcane process closed to the uninitiated listener

□ **archaeology** study of artifacts and relics of early mankind

♠ **archaic** antiquated; no longer used; belonging to the past; N.

♠ **archetype** prototype; primitive pattern

□ **arch-** chief; first; Ex. archbishop

♠ **archipelago** group of closely located islands

♠ **archives** public records; place where public records are kept

□ **ardor** heat; passion; zeal; ADJ. ardent

♠ **arduous** hard; strenuous; Ex. arduous work

♠ **argot** slang; speech spoken by only a small group of people 

□ **aria** operatic solo; a song sung by one person in an opera or oratorio

♠ **arid** (of land) dry; barren; unproductive

□ **aristocracy** hereditary nobility; privileged class; government by nobility; N. aristocrat

□ **armada** fleet of warships

□ **aromatic** fragrant; having a sweet smell; N. aroma: strong pleasant smell

□ **arraign** charge in court; indict

♠ **array** marshal; draw up in order; arrange in order; clothe splendidly; adorn; N: fine clothes; ordered group; Ex. in battle array

□ **arrears** being in debt; money that should have been paid; work that should have been done

♠ **arrhythmic** lacking rhythm or regularity; N. arrhythmia

□ **arrogance** pride; haughtiness; ADJ. arrogant: unpleasantly self-important (with a strong confidence in one's own importance and a lack of respect for other people)

♠ **arroyo** gully; narrow channel formed by rainwater

♡ **artery** blood-vessel; CF. vein

□ **articulate** effective; distinct; expressing ideas clearly; having clear sounds; having joints; Ex. articulate speech; V: express thoughts and feeling clearly; pronounce clearly; unite by joints

- **arsenal** storage place for military equipment
- **artifacts** object made by human beings, either hand-made or mass-produced
- ♠ **artifice** deception; trickery
- **artisan** a manually skilled worker
- ♠ **artless** without guile; open and honest
- **ascendancy** controlling influence; position of controlling influence; CF. in the ascendant
- **ascertain** find out for certain; make certain
- **ascetic** practicing self-denial; avoiding physical pleasures and comforts; austere; Ex. ascetic life of Buddhist monks; N. asceticism
- **ascribe** refer; attribute; assign
- **aseptic** preventing infection; having a cleansing effect
- ♠ **ashen** ash-colored; deadly pale
- ♠ **asinine** stupid; Ex. asinine remarks
- ♠ **askance** with a sideways or indirect look (with disapproval or distrust); Ex. look askance at
- ♠ **askew** crookedly; slanted; at an angle
- **asperity** sharpness; roughness; severity (of temper or weather); Ex. asperities of a Russian winter
- **aspersion** slanderous remark; Ex. cast aspersions on
- **aspirant** seeker after position or status
- **aspire** seek to attain (position or status); long for; Ex. aspire to become president; Ex. aspire to/after the leadership
- **assail** assault
- ♠ **assay** analyze (to discover what materials are present); evaluate (soil or ore)
- **assent** agree; accept; N. assessment
- ♠ **assert** state strongly or positively; demand recognition of (rights, claims, etc.); make a claim to (by forceful action); Ex. assert one's independence
- **assiduous** diligent
- **assimilate** absorb; take (food) into the body and digest it; understand (knowledge) completely and be able to use properly; cause to become homogeneous (the people of a country or race in the way of behaving or thinking)
- **assuage** make less severe; ease or lessen (pain); satisfy (hunger); soothe (anger)
- **assumption** something taken for granted; the taking over or taking possession of; Ex. her assumption of power; V. assume
- ♥ **regent** a person who governs in place of a ruler who is ill, absent, or still a child; ADJ. Ex. the Prince regent
- **assurance** firm statement that something is certainly true; promise or pledge; certainty; confidence in one's own ability; self-confidence; Ex. In spite of all his assurances, he did not come back; Ex. assurance of his loyalty; Ex. The teacher lacked assurance in front of his class; V. assure; tell firmly with confidence; ensure; make (something) certain to

heappen; make (someone) feel sure; give confidence to; ADJ. assured: self-assured; confident in one's own ability; showing certainty

- **asteroid** small planet

- ♠ **astigmatism** eye defect which prevents proper focus; OP. stigmatism

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- ♠ **astral** relating to the stars

- **astringent** binding; causing contraction (stopping bleeding); harsh or severe; stringent; Ex. astringent criticism

- **astronomical** enormously large or extensive

- **astute** wise; shrewd; keen; seeing quickly something that is to one's advantage

- ♠ **asunder** into parts; apart; V. sunder

- **asylum** place of refuge or shelter; protection (religious or political)

- **asymmetric** not identical on both sides of a dividing central line

- ♠ **atavism** resemblance to remote ancestors rather than to parents; reversion to an earlier type; throwback; ADJ. atavistic

- **atheistic** denying the existence of God; N. atheism

- **atone** make amends for; pay for; Ex. atone for

- **atrocious** brutal deed; ADJ. atrocious

- **atrophy** wasting away; V: weaken and lose flesh and muscle (through lack of blood or lack of use)

- **attentive** alert and watchful; listening carefully; paying attention; considerate; thoughtful; politely helpful; Ex. attentive audience; Ex. He was attentive to the old lady; N. attentions: act of courtesy and consideration

- **attenuate** make thin; weaken

- **attest** testify; bear witness

- **attribute** essential quality; V: ascribe; explain

- **attrition** rubbing away by friction; gradual decrease in numbers or strength; reduction in the work force without firing employees; wearing away of opposition by means of harassment; Ex. a war of attrition

- ♠ **atypical** not normal; not typical

- **audacious** daring; bold; N. audacity

- **audit** examination of accounts of a business; official examination; V.

- **augment** increase; add to

- ♠ **augury** omen; prophecy; sign of coming events; V. augur: predict; foretell; be a sign of (something in future)



- **august** impressive; majestic

- ♠ **aureole** sun's corona; halo; bright circle of light

- ♠ **auroral** pertaining to the aurora borealis; CF. aurora australis

- **auspicious** favoring success; giving signs of future success; Cf. auspices
- **austere** forbiddingly stern; ascetic; without comfort or enjoyment; severely simple and unornamented; Ex. a monk's austere life; Ex. austere grandeur of the cathedral; N. austerity
- **authenticate** prove genuine
- **authoritarian** subordinating the individual to the state; completely dominating another's will; Ex. authoritarian regime/father
- **authoritative** having the weight of authority; regarded as providing knowledge that can be trusted; reliable; peremptory and dictatorial; Ex. authoritative dictionary/manner; CF. definitive
- **autocratic** having absolute unchecked power; dictatorial; N. autocrat, autocracy
- **automaton** mechanism that imitates actions of humans; machine that works by itself
- **autonomous** self-governing; N. autonomy
- **autopsy** examination of a dead body; postmortem; V.
- **auxiliary** offering or providing help; additional or subsidiary; N: helper; assistant
- **avalanche** great mass of falling snow and ice
- **avarice** greediness for wealth
- **avenge** take vengeance for something or on behalf of someone; Ex. They avenged his death by burning the village; Ex. He swore to avenge his brother; Ex. They avenged themselves on their enemy.
- **aver** state confidently; declare as true
- **averse** reluctant; disinclined; not liking or opposed; Ex. averse to cats/doing the house work
- **aversion** firm dislike
- **avert** prevent; avoid; turn away (eyes or thought); Ex. An accident was averted by his quick thinking; Ex. She averted her eyes from the terrible sight.
- **aviary** enclosure for birds; large cage
- ♠ **avid** greedy; extremely eager for; Ex. avid learner; N. avidity
- **avocation** secondary or minor occupation
- **avow** declare openly; N. avowal
- **avuncular** of or like an uncle
- **awe** solemn wonder; feeling of respect mixed with wonder and fear; V: fill with awe; ADJ. awesome
- ♡ **awful** terrible; very bad
- ♠ **awl** pointed tool used for piercing
- ♠ **awry** distorted; crooked; bent; Ex. Our plans have gone awry.
- **axiom** self-evident truth requiring no proof
- ♠ **azure** sky blue
- ♠ **babble** chatter idly or foolishly; make continuous sounds like water running gently over rounded stone; N.

- ♠ **bacchanalian** drunken
- ♡ **bacchanal** noisy party with a lot of drinking
- ♡ **Bacchanalia** the ancient Roman festival in honor of Bacchus
- ♠ **badger** pester; annoy continually with demands; persuade by asking again and again; Ex. The children badgered me into taking them into the cinema; N: a kind of mountain animal
- ♠ **badinage** teasing conversation; banter; joking talk
- **baffle** frustrate; perplex
- ♠ **bait** harass; tease; torment; Ex. badger baiting; N: food or other lure used to catch fish or trap animals
- ♠ **baleful** evil; malignant in intent or effect; deadly; having a malign influence; portending evil; ominous; threatening; Ex. baleful look
- ♠ **balk** stop short, as if faced with an obstacle, and refuse to continue; foil; stop or get in the way of; frustrate
- ♠ **ballast** heavy substance used to add stability or weight; V. supply with ballast
- ♠ **balm** something that relieves pain; oily liquid with a pleasant smell from trees
- ♡ **pang** sudden sharp feeling of pain
- ♠ **balmy** soft and mild (of air); fragrant
- **banal** hackneyed; commonplace; trite; lacking originality; clichéd
- ♠ **bandy** discuss lightly or glibly; discuss in a frivolous manner; exchange (words) heatedly; quarrel; Ex. bandy words with
- **bane** posion; cause of ruin; ADJ. baneful: harmful; poisonous
- **bantering** joking talk; good-naturedly ridiculing; N.V. banter
- **barb** sharp projection from fishhook, arrow, or other object; openly cutting remark

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- ♠ **bard** poet
- ♠ **barefaced** shameless and noticeable; blatant; bold; un concealed; having no covering on the face; Ex. barefaced lie
- ♡ **unregenerate** making no attempt to change one's bad practices
- ♠ **baroque** highly ornate
- **barrage** barrier laid down by artillery fire; overwhelming profusion; large number of questions or statements; Ex. a barrage of criticism
- **barrister** counselor-at-law or lawyer in the higher court of law; CF. bar
- ♡ **solicitor** lawyer in the lower court of law
- **barterer** trader; V. barter: trade; exchange good for other goods rather than money

♠ **bask** luxuriate; take pleasure in warmth
 ♡ **luxuriate** take pleasure in great comfort

♠ **bastion** stronghold; something seen as a source of protection; Ex. the last bastion of male chauvinism

♠ **bate** let down; lessen the force of; moderate; restrain; Ex. with bated breath; CF. abate

♠ **bauble** trinket; cheap jewel; trifle

♠ **bawdy** indecent; obscene; about sex in a rude funny way; CF. bawd

♠ **beatific** giving or showing bliss; blissful
 ♡ **bliss** complete happiness; ADJ. blissful

♠ **beatitude** blessedness; state of great happiness
 ♡ **mystic** of hidden meaning and spiritual power; Ex. mystic ceremonies; N. CF. mysticism

♠ **bedizen** dress with vulgar finery
 ♡ **finery** beautiful clothes for a special occasion

♠ **bedraggle** wet thoroughly; ADJ. bedraggled: draggled 

♠ **beeline** direct quick route

♠ **befuddle** confuse thoroughly
 ♡ **fuddle** make stupid or confused as with alcholic drink; N. in a fuddle: confused

□ **beget** father; become the father of; produce; give rise to

♠ **begrudge** envy; give or allow unwillingly; grudge; Ex. We shouldn't begrudge him his success.

♡ **grudge** deep feeling of dislike; Ex. grudge fight; V.

♠ **beguile** deceive; mislead or delude; cheat; pass time pleasantly; charm or attract; Ex. beguiling smile

♠ **behemoth** huge creature; something of monstrous size or power

♠ **beholden** obligated; indebted; owing thanks; obliged or indebted from gratitude

♠ **behoove(behove)** be suited to; be incumbent upon; be right and necessary; Ex. It behooves one to do.

♠ **belabor** harp on; dwell on tediously; explain or go over excessively or to a ridiculous degree; assail verbally; beat severely; attack physically

♠ **belated** delayed

♠ **beleaguer** besiege or attack (with an army); harass; beset

♠ **belie** contradict; give a false impression; disguise; Ex. The poor sales belied our high hopes; Ex. Her smile belies her true feeling of displeasure.

□ **belittle** disparage; depreciate

□ **bellicose** warlike

□ **belligerent** quarrelsome

♠ **bemoan** lament; moan for; express sorrow or disapproval of

♠ **bemused** confused; lost in thought; preoccupied

□ **benediction** blessing

□ **benefactor** gift giver; patron; person who does good or who gives money for a good purpose

□ **beneficent** kindly; doing good

□ **beneficial** helpful; useful; advantageous

□ **beneficiary** person entitled to benefits or proceeds of an insurance policy or will

♠ **benefit** advantage; anything that brings help, advantage, or profit; money provided by the government to the people; fund-raising public entertainment; Ex. unemployment benefit; V: receive benefits; be beneficial to; give benefits

□ **benevolent** generous; charitable; having a wish to do good

□ **benign** kindly; favorable; not malignant (disease); Ex. benign tumor

□ **benison** blessing

□ **bent** determined; Ex. bent on advancing in the business; N: natural talent or inclination

□ **bequeath** leave to someone by means of a will; hand down in his will; N. bequest

♠ **berate** scold strongly

♠ **bereavement** state of being deprived of something valuable or beloved; state of being bereaved or bereft

♠ **bereaved** deprived of (someone beloved through death)

♠ **bereft** deprived of (something valuable); lacking

♠ **berserk** mad with violent anger; frenzied; madly excited

□ **beseech** beg; plead with

♠ **beset** harass or trouble from all directions; hem in

♡ **hem** surround tightly so that movement is impossible; Ex. hem in; N.

□ **besiege** surround with armed forces; harass (with requests); annoy continually

♠ **besmirch** soil; defile; make dirty

♠ **bestial** beastlike; brutal; inhuman; very cruel

□ **bestow** confer

♠ **betoken** signify; indicate; be a sign of

♡ **token** outward sign; Ex. a token of our gratitude

♠ **betray** be unfaithful; reveal (unconsciously or unwillingly); Ex. Her trembling hands betray her anxiety.

♠ **betroth** become engaged to marry

♠ **bevy** large group; Ex. a bevy of starlets

□ **bicameral** two-chambered as a legislative body

□ **bicker** quarrel

□ **biennial** every two years

♠ **bifurcated** divided into two branches; forked

♠ **bigotry** stubborn intolerance 

♡ **bigot** one who is intolerant (in matters of religion or politics)

♡ **intolerant** not willing to accept ways of thinking different from one's own; CF. tolerant; CF. tolerate

♠ **bilious** suffering from indigestion; sick from having too much bile; irritable; easily irritated

♠ **bilk** swindle; cheat

♠ **billowing** swelling out in waves; surging

♡ **billow** large wave of water; a great swell or surge (of smoke); V: surge, swell, roll in billows

♡ **swell** long wave of water that moves continuously without breaking; V.

♡ **surge** powerful movement of or like a wave; V.

♠ **bivouac** temporary encampment; camp without tents; V.

□ **bizarre** fantastic; violently contrasting; noticeably odd; strikingly unconventional

♠ **blanch** bleach; whiten; make white or pale

♠ **bland** soothing or mild (food); agreeable; causing no trouble or offence

♠ **blandishment** flattery

♠ **blare** loud or harsh roar or screech; dazzling blaze of light

♡ **screech** unpleasant high sharp sound; shriek; V.

♡ **dazzle** make blind with a sudden intense light; amaze; fill with wonder

♠ **blasé** bored with pleasure or dissipation; uninterested or bored

♠ **blasphemy** irreverence; sacrilege; cursing; bad language about God or holy things; V. blasphem; ADJ. blasphemous; CF. sacrilege

♠ **blatant** extremely (offensively) obvious; loudly offensive; Ex. blatant lie; N. blatancy

♠ **bleak** cold or cheerless; frigid; unlikely to be favorable; depressing

♠ **blighted** suffering from a disease; destroyed

♡ **blight** plant disease; V: infect with blight; ruin; destroy

♠ **blithe(blithesome)** gay; joyous

♠ **bloated** (unpleasantly) swollen or puffed as with water or air

♠ **blowhard** talkative boaster; braggart

♠ **bludgeon** club; heavy-headed weapon; V.

♠ **bluff** pretense (of strength); deception; high cliff; ADJ: rough but good-natured

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□ **blunder** error; stupid mistake

♠ **blurt** utter impulsively from nervousness or excitement

♠ **bluster** blow in heavy gusts; threaten emptily; bully; speak in a noisy or bullying manner; CF. breeze, gust, gale

♡ **bully** one who is habitually cruel to weaker people; V.

□ **bode** foreshadow; portend

□ **bogus** counterfeit; not authentic; intentionally false; Ex. bogus interview

♠ **bohemian** unconventional (in an artistic way)

□ **boisterous** violent; rough; noisy

♠ **bolster** support; reinforce

♠ **bolt** door bar; fastening pin or screw; length of fabric; large roll of cloth; V: dash or dart off; fasten (a door); gobble down

♡ **dart** move or throw suddenly and quickly

♡ **gobble** eat very quickly

♠ **bombardment** attack (as with missiles or bombs); V. bombard

♠ **bombastic** pompous; using inflated language

♡ **bombast** grandiloquent, pompous speech

♠ **boon** blessing; benefit; something very helpful

♠ **boorish** rude; insensitive

♡ **boor** rude, insensitive person

♠ **bouillon** clear beef (or meat) soup

♠ **bountiful** generous; graciously generous; showing bounty

♡ **gracious** kind in a generous way (to someone less important)

□ **bourgeois** middle class; selfishly materialistic; too interested in material possessions

□ **bovine** cowlike; placid and dull; slow-thinking; calm

♠ **bowdlerize** expurgate; CF. Thomas Bowdler

♠ **brackish** somewhat saline

♠ **braggadocio** boasting

♡ **brag** boast

♠ **braggart** boaster; bragger

♠ **brandish** wave around (a weapon); flourish

♠ **bravado** swagger; assumed air of defiance; false show of bravery

♡ **swagger** walk or behave with an over-confident manner

♠ **brawn** human muscle; muscular strength; sturdiness

♡ **brawny** muscular; having well-developed muscles

♡ **sturdy** strong and firm (in the body)

♠ **brazen** insolent; without shame; bold; Ex. brazen lie; V: face with bold self-assurance or with unshamed confidence

♡ **brawl** noisy quarrel

♠ **breach** breaking of contract or duty; fissure or gap; opening; V.

□ **breadth** width; extent

□ **brevity** conciseness; shortness of duration

♠ **brindled** tawny or grayish with streaks or spots (of animals)

♡ **tawny** brownish yellow

♠ **bristling** rising like bristles; showing irritation

♡ **bristle** short stiff hair; V: (hair or fur) stand up stiffly

♠ **brittle** hard but easily broken; difficult; unstable; Ex. brittle situation

♠ **broach** introduce as a subject; moot; open up

♠ **brocade** rich, figured(patterned) fabric

□ **brochure** pamphlet

♠ **brooch** ornamental clasp; pin 

♡ **clasp** hold firmly within arms

♠ **brook** tolerate; endure; Ex. brook no interference; N: small stream

♠ **browbeat** bully; intimidate

♠ **browse** graze; feed on growing grass; skim or glance at casually

♡ **graze** (of an animal) feed on growing grass; cause (an animal) to feed on grass; scrape (esp. the skin) or touch lightly in passing; brush; Ex. We can't graze the cattle till summer; N: surface wound

♡ **skim** read or glance through quickly; touch lightly in passing; brush; remove from the surface of a liquid

♠ **brunt** main impact or shock (of an attack or blow); Ex. brunt of the argument

♠ **brusque** blunt; abrupt; curt; not wanting to waste time being nice

♠ **buccaneer** pirate

♠ **bucolic** rustic; pastoral

♠ **buffet** strike forcefully; slap; batter; knock out; N: table with food set out for people to server themselves; meal at which people help themselves to food that's been set

♡ **slap** hit quickly with the flat part of the hand; N. CF. smack

♠ **buffoonery** clowning

♡ **buffoon** stupid person; clown

♡ **clown** act stupidly; play the fool; N.

♠ **bugaboo** bugbear; object of baseless terror

♠ **bullion** gold and silver in the form of bars

♠ **bulwark** strong wall built for defense; earthwork or other strong defense; person who defends

♠ **bungle** mismanage; blunder; botch; blow; spoil by clumsy behavior

♡ **botch** mismanage; blow

□ **buoyant** able to float; cheerful and optimistic; N. buoyancy; Ex. buoyancy of wood/water/American market

□ **bureaucracy** overregulated administrative system marked by red tape; ADJ. bureaucratic

♠ **burgeon** grow rapidly; grow forth; send out buds; Ex. burgeoning computer industry; CF. bludgeon

♠ **burlesque** give an imitation that ridicules; imitate mockingly

♠ **burnish** make shiny by rubbing; polish

♠ **buttress** support; prop up; N. stationary structure to support wall; Ex. flying buttress

♡ **prop** support placed under or against something; V.

♠ **buxom** full-bosomed; plump; jolly

♡ **plump** pleasantly fat; nicely rounded

♠ **cabal** small group of persons secretly united to promote their own interests

□ **cache** hiding place; V.

□ **cacophonous** discordant; inharmonious; N. cacophony: unpleasant mixture of loud sounds

□ **cadaver** corpse; dead human body

□ **cadaverous** like a corpse; pale

♠ **cadence** rhythmic rise and fall (of words or sounds); beat; regular beat of sound; rhythm

♠ **cajole** persuade by praise or false promise; coax; wheedle

♡ **coax** persuade by flattery

□ **calamity** disaster; misery

□ **calculated** deliberately planned; likely

♠ **caldron(cauldron)** large kettle

♠ **caliber** ability; quality; diameter of the inside of a round cylinder; Ex. work of very high caliber

□ **calligraphy** beautiful writing; excellent penmanship

♠ **callous** hardened; unfeeling; without sympathy for the sufferings of others; unkind

♡ **callus** area of thick hard skin

♠ **callow** youthful; immature; inexperienced

♠ **calorific** heat-producing; N. calorie

□ **calumny** malicious misrepresentation; slander

♠ **camaraderie** good-fellowship; CF. comrade

♠ **cameo** shell or jewel carved in relief; star's special appearance in a minor role in a film

♠ **canard** unfounded false rumor; exaggerated false report

♠ **candor** frankness; open honesty; ADJ. candid

♠ **canine** related to dogs; doglike

♠ **canker** any ulcerous sore; ulcer; any evil; CF. cancer

♡ **ulcer** sore place appearing on the skin inside or outside the body; Ex. stomach ulcer; ADJ. ulcerous; V. ulcerate

♠ **canny** shrewd in money matters; thrifty

♠ **cant** insincere speech or expression of piety; jargon of thieves; special words used by a particular group of people

□ **cantankerous** ill-humored; irritable

♠ **cantata** story set to music to be sung by a chorus (shorter than an oratorio)

♠ **canter** slow gallop; V. CF. trot

♠ **canvass** determine or seek opinions, votes, etc.; go through (a region) to solicit votes or orders; conduct a survey; N.

□ **capacious** spacious

♠ **capacity** mental or physical ability; role; position or duty; ability to accommodate; Ex. in my capacity as president

♠ **capillary** having a very fine bore; resembling a hair; fine and slender; Ex. capillary attraction; N: very fine hairlike tube; CF. capillarity

♠ **capitulate** surrender; give up all resistance

□ **caprice** whim; sudden change of mind without any real cause

□ **capricious** unpredictable; fickle

□ **caption** title; chapter heading; text under illustration

♠ **captious** faultfinding; too critical

♠ **carafe** glass water bottle; decanter



♠ **carapace** shell covering the back (of a turtle, tortoise, crab, etc.)

♠ **carat(karat)** unit of weight for precious stones; measure of the purity of gold

♠ **carcinogenic** causing cancer; N. carcinogen

♠ **cardinal** chief; most important; N: priest; cardinal number: number that shows quantity rather than order

□ **cardiologist** doctor specializing in ailments of the heart

♠ **careen** lurch; sway from side to side; move with irregular swinging movement; stagger

♡ **career** rush wildly; go at full speed

♡ **sway** swing from side to side; influence (someone) to change one's opinion; N.

□ **caricature** distortion; burlesque

□ **carillon** a set of bells (often in a tower) capable of being played

□ **carnage** destruction of life; slaughter; killing of large numbers of people or animals

□ **carnal** fleshly; sensual; concerning the desires of the body

□ **carnivorous** meat-eating; N. carnivore; CF. herbivore

♠ **carousal** drunken revel; V. carouse

♠ **carping** petty criticism; fault-finding; fretful complaining; quibble

♠ **carrion** rotting flesh of a dead body; CF. vulture

♠ **cartographer** map-maker

□ **cascade** small waterfall

♠ **caste** one of the hereditary classes in Hindu society; social stratification; prestige

□ **castigation** punishment; severe criticism or disapproval

□ **casualty** serious or fatal accident; person killed or wounded in an accident or battle

♡ **casual** happening by chance; irregular; occasional; informal; showing or feeling little interest; Ex. casual reader/labor/remark

♠ **cataclysm** deluge; upheaval; earthquake; violent and sudden event or change

♠ **catalyst** agent which brings about a chemical change while it remains unaffected and unchanged; CF. catalysis

□ **catapult** slingshot; hurling machine; V: fire from catapult

♡ **hurl** throw forcefully; shout out violently

♠ **cataract** great waterfall; eye abnormality (causing a gradual loss of eyesight)

□ **catastrophe** calamity ; disaster

♠ **catcall** shout of disapproval or displeasure (made at the theater or a sports match); boo; V.

♠ **catechism** book for religious instruction in question-and-answer form; religious instruction by question and answer; V. catechize

□ **categorical** without exceptions; made without any doubt in mind; unqualified; absolute

♡ **qualify** reach a necessary standard; limit the meaning of something stated

□ **catharsis** purging or cleansing of any passage of the body; purging and weakening of strong emotions as a result of experiencing a dramatic work of art

□ **cathartic** purgative; medicine that causes the bowels to empty; ADJ.

♠ **catholic** (of likings and interests) universal; general; broad; including many different parts; wide-ranging liberal; Ex. catholic opinions/tastes

♠ **caucus** private meeting of a group of people in a political party to select officers or determine policy; CF. the Caucus club of Boston

♠ **caulk(calk)** make watertight (by blocking up cracks as in a ship)

□ **causal** implying a cause-and-effect relationship; N. causality

□ **caustic** burning; corrosive; able to burn by chemical action; sarcastically biting; (of remarks) intended to hurt; bitter; harmful; OP. harmless

♠ **cauterize** burn (a wound or snakebite, etc.) with hot iron or caustic substance to stop bleeding and prevent infection

♠ **cavalcade** procession of riders or horse-drawn carriages; parade; CF. cavalry

♠ **cavalier** casual and offhand; arrogant; N: knight

♠ **cavil** quibble; make frivolous objections; find fault unnecessarily

♠ **cede** yield (title or territory) to (esp. after losing a war); surrender formally; N. cession

□ **celerity** speed; rapidity

□ **celestial** heavenly

♡ **hereafter** life after death

♡ **afterlife** life after death; later part of one's life

♠ **celibate** abstaining from sexual intercourse; unmarried; N. celibacy

□ **censor** (in ancient Rome) overseer of morals (also taking the census); person who eliminates inappropriate matter; V.

♠ **censorious** severely critical

□ **censure** blame; criticize; express strong disapproval; N: severe criticism; strong disapproval

□ **centaur** mythical figure, half man and half horse 

□ **centigrade** denoting a widely used temperature scale (basically same as Celsius)

□ **centrifugal** radiating; departing from the center

□ **centrifuge** machine that separates substances by whirling them

□ **centripetal** tending toward the center

□ **centurion** Roman army officer (commanding a company of about 100 soldiers)

□ **cerebral** pertaining to the brain or intellect; intellectual rather than emotional; CF. cerebrum

□ **cerebration** thought; working of the brain

♠ **ceremonious** marked by formality; extremely formal and polite; CF. ceremony: conventional social courtesy

♡ **unceremonious** not done politely without due formalities

♠ **certitude** certainty

□ **cessation** stoppage

♠ **cession** yielding to another; ceding

♠ **chafe** warm by rubbing; make sore by rubbing; N.

♠ **chaff** worthless products of an endeavor; husk (outer seed cover) separated from grain; Ex. separate the wheat from the chaff

♠ **chaffing** bantering; joking

♠ **chagrin** annoyance and disappointment; vexation (caused by humiliation or injured pride)

♠ **chalice** goblet; consecrated cup 

□ **chameleon** lizard that changes color in different situations

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□ **champion** support militantly; fight for; N: person who fights for or supports strongly (a principle, movement, person, etc.)

♡ **championship** position of champion; defense or support; competition held to determine a champion

□ **chaotic** in utter disorder

□ **charisma** divine gift; great popular charm or appeal; magnetism

♠ **charlatan** quack; pretender to knowledge (esp. in medicine)

♠ **chary** cautious; unwilling to take risks; sparing or restrained about giving; OP. bold

♠ **chase** ornament a metal surface by indenting; follow rapidly to catch

□ **chasm** abyss; very deep crack

♠ **chassis** framework and working parts of an automobile; framework to which components are attached

□ **chaste** morally pure; virginal; abstaining from illicit sexual acts; modest; simple (of a style of writing); not highly decorated; austere

♠ **chasten** discipline; punish in order to correct; CF. castigate

♠ **chastise** punish as by beating; criticize severely

□ **chauvinist** blindly devoted patriot; zealous adherent of a group, cause, or sex; ADJ. chauvinistic; CF. chauvinism; Nicolas Chauvin

□ **check** stop motion; curb or restrain

♠ **checkered(chequered)** marked by great changes in fortune; with many changes of fortune; CF. checked: having a pattern of squares

♠ **cherubic** angelic; innocent-looking; N. cherub; CF. seraph: winged angel of the highest order

♠ **chicanery** trickery; deception

♠ **chide** scold; rebuke (someone who has done wrong)

♠ **chimerical** fantastically improbable; highly unrealistic; N. chimera: unreal fancy; fire-breathing female creature 

♠ **chisel** swindle or cheat; N: wedgelike tool for cutting

♡ **chip** lose a small piece from the surface or edge; N: small piece broken off something; CF. French fry; Potato chip/crisp

□ **chivalrous** courteous; faithful; brave; N. chivalry

♠ **choleric** hot-tempered; bad-tempered; irritable; easily angered; CF. cholera

♠ **choreography** art of representing dances in written symbols; arrangement of dances

♡ **chore** daily domestic task (such as cleaning, cooking, and shopping); unpleasant task

♠ **chortle** chuckle with delight; N.

♡ **chuckle** laugh quietly

□ **chronic** long established as a disease

□ **chronicle** report; record (in chronological order)

♠ **churlish** boorish; rude; N. churl: boor; yahoo

♠ **ciliated** having minute hairs; CF. cilium; CF. cilia: eyelash

□ **cipher** nonentity; worthless person or thing; zero; secret code; V.

□ **circlet** small ring; band of gold, silver, jewel, etc. (worn on the head, arms, or neck as decoration)

□ **circuitous** roundabout

♡ **circuit** closed circular line around an area; circumference; regularly repeated journey from place to place

□ **circumlocution** indirect or roundabout expression (by using an unnecessarily large number of words esp. when trying to avoid answering a difficult question directly)

□ **circumscribe** limit; confine; draw a line around

♠ **circumspect** prudent; cautious; acting after careful thought

□ **circumvent** outwit; defeat by behaving more cleverly; out-smart; baffle; avoid; get around

♠ **cistern** reservoir or water tank

□ **citadel** fortress

□ **cite** quote; commend; Ex. cited for bravery in an official record

□ **civil** having to do with citizens; not military or religious; courteous and polite; Ex. married in a civil ceremony; Ex. civil strife/disorder/law; N. civility; CF. civic

□ **clairvoyant** having foresight; fortuneteller; N. clairvoyance

♡ **hindsight** understanding the nature of an event after it has actually happened

♠ **clamber** climb by crawling with difficulties; scramble

□ **clamor** loud continuous noise; continuous demand or complaint made by a large number of people; V: make a clamor; express (a demand) continually and loudly; ADJ. clamorous

□ **clandestine** secret

♡ **chaperon** older person who accompanies and supervises a young unmarried woman



♠ **clangor** loud resounding noise; sound of repeated clanging

♠ **clapper** striker (tongue) of a bell

♡ **clap** strike the palms of the hands together with a sudden explosive sound; come together suddenly with a sharp sound; put or send promptly; Ex. clap the thief in jail; N: clapping; loud or explosive sound; CF. applause

♠ **clarion** shrill, trumpetlike sound; kind of trumpet used in former times

□ **claustrophobia** fear of being locked in

♠ **clavicle** collarbone

♡ **scrimmage** disorderly fight between two or more people

□ **cleave** split or sever; cling to; remain faithful to; N. cleavage; ADJ. cloven

♠ **cleft** N: split

♠ **clemency** disposition to be lenient in deciding punishments; mildness as of the weather; ADJ. clement

□ **cliché** phrase dulled in meaning by repetition; platitude; ADJ. clichéd

♡ **bromide** platitude; chemical compound used to calm excitement

♠ **clientele** body of customers

□ **climactic** relating to the highest point; N. climax; CF. climatic

♠ **clime** climate

♠ **clique** small exclusive group of people

□ **cloister** monastery or convent

♠ **clout** great influence (especially political or social); hard blow with fist

□ **cloying** distasteful (because excessive); excessively sweet or sentimental; V. cloy: become unpleasant through too much sweetness or excess

♠ **coagulate** congeal; thicken; clot; N. coagulant

♡ **clot** half-solid lump formed from a liquid (or blood); V.

♡ **pudding** hot sweet dish

□ **coalesce** combine; fuse; N. coalescence

□ **coalition** partnership; league; union of separate political parties

♠ **coda** concluding section of a musical or literary composition

♠ **coddle** treat gently; indulge excessively; pamper; mollycoddle; baby; cook in water just below boiling point; Ex. coddled eggs

♠ **codicil** supplement to the body of a will; later addition to a will

□ **codify** arrange (laws or rules) as a code; classify; N. code: system of words used instead of ordinary writing; collection of laws, rules, established social customs

□ **coercion** use of force to get someone to object; compelling; V. coerce

♠ **coeval** living at the same time as; existing during the same period of time; contemporary; of the same age

♠ **cog** tooth projecting from a wheel

□ **cogent** convincing

□ **cogitate** think over; ponder

□ **cognate** having a common origin; related linguistically; allied by blood; similar or akin in nature; Ex. cognate languages; N.

□ **cognitive** having to do with knowing or perceiving related to the mental processes; N. cognition: the mental process of knowing

□ **cognizance** knowledge; ADJ. cognizant; having knowledge; aware

♠ **cohabit** live together

□ **cohere** stick together

□ **cohesion** tendency to keep together

♠ **cohorts** group of people who share some common quality; armed band; a group of between 300 and 600 soldiers under one commander (in the ancient Rome)

♠ **coiffure** hairstyle

□ **coin** make coins; invent or fabricate (a word or phrase); N. coinage: word or phrase recently invented

□ **coincidence** the chance occurrence, at the same time, of two or more seemingly connected events; V. coincide: happen at the same time; be in agreement; CF. coincident; CF. coincidental

♠ **colander** utensil with perforated bottom used for straining

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□ **collaborate** work together; cooperate treasonably with the enemy

♠ **collage** work of art put together from fragments

♡ **scrap** small bit or fragment; discarded waste material; fight; Ex. a scrap of paper/cloth; V: break into parts for disposal; discard as worthless; fight; quarrel

♡ **scraps** leftover food

♡ **scrappy** quarrelsome 

□ **collate** examine and compare in order to verify authenticity; arrange in order (the sheets of a book before they are bound)

□ **collateral** security given for loan; ADJ: secondary; descended from the same person but through different sons or daughters

♠ **collation** a light meal; collating

□ **colloquial** pertaining to conversational or common speech; informal; N. colloquialism: colloquial expression

□ **colloquy** informal discussion; conversation

□ **collusion** conspiring in a fraudulent scheme to cheat or deceive others; V. collude

□ **colossal** huge

□ **colossus** gigantic statue; person or thing of great size or importance

♠ **comatose** in a coma; extremely sleepy

♡ **coma** deep prolonged unconsciousness caused by disease, poison, or a severe blow

□ **combustible** easily burned; N. CF. combustion

□ **comely** attractive; agreeable; having a pleasing appearance

♡ **homely** not good-looking; unattractive

□ **comestible** something fit to be eaten

♠ **comeuppance** deserts; well-deserved punishment or misfortune; rebuke

♡ **deserts** what someone deserves

♠ **comity** courtesy; civility; Ex. comity of nations

□ **commandeer** take (private property) for military use without needing permission or giving payment; draft for military purposes

♡ **draft** first rough form; conscription; draught; V: make a draft of; conscript

♡ **draught** current of air (through a room or to a fire); act of pulling roads; act of swallowing liquid or amount of liquid swallowed at a time

♠ **commemorative** remembering; honoring the memory of; Ex. commemorative stamp

♡ **commemorate** honor the memory of; serve as a memorial to; Ex. commemorate the 100th anniversary/those who died in the war

□ **commensurate** equal in extent; of the same size

□ **commiserate** feel or express pity or sympathy for

□ **commodious** spacious and comfortable

♠ **communal** held in common; public; of a group of people; of a commune

♡ **commune** small (often rural) community whose members share work and income; V: exchange thoughts or feelings; Ex. commune with nature

□ **compact** agreement; contract; ADJ: tightly packed; firm; brief; concise; Ex. compact statement

□ **compatible** harmonious; in harmony with; able to exist together

□ **compelling** overpowering; irresistible in effect; holding one's attention; that compels one to do something; Ex. a compelling adventure story; V. compel

♡ **compulsion** compelling; strong desire that is difficult to control; irresistible impulse

♡ **compulsory** obligatory; that must be done

♡ **compulsive** resulting from compulsion

□ **compendium** brief, comprehensive summary; ADJ. compendious

□ **compensatory** making up for; repaying

□ **compilation** listing of information in tabular or book form; compiling

□ **compile** assemble; gather; accumulate; make (a report or a book) from facts and information found in various places; Ex. compile a dictionary

□ **complacency** self-satisfaction; smugness; ADJ. complacent

♡ **smug** self-satisfied; complacent

□ **complaisant** trying to please; obliging; willing to please others

□ **complement** complete; consummate; make perfect; N.

□ **complementary** serving to complete something

□ **compliance** conformity in fulfilling requirements; readiness to yield; disposition to yield to others; V. comply

□ **compliant** readily acting in accordance with a rule, order, or the wishes of others; yielding; conforming to requirements

□ **complicity** participation; involvement (in a questionable act or a crime)

□ **component** element; ingredient

♠ **comport** bear one's self; behave; Ex. comport oneself; N. comportment

♡ **deport** send out of the country; behave; N. deportation, deportment

♡ **bearing** deportment; connection

□ **composure** mental calmness

□ **compound** combine; produce by combining; increase; make worse by adding to or increasing; exacerbate; Ex. compound an error; ADJ: consisting of two or more parts; N: combination of two or more parts; area enclosed by a wall containing a group of buildings; Ex. factory compound; CF. complex

□ **comprehensive** broad; including a lot or everything; thorough; inclusive

♡ **comprehend** include; understand

□ **compress** force into less space; squeeze; contract; put into fewer words; N: thick mass of cloth pressed to part of the body to stop bleeding or swelling, reduce fever, etc.

□ **comprise** include; consist of

♠ **compromise** adjust or settle by making mutual concessions; endanger the interests or reputation of; put into danger, disrepute, or a dishonorable position; Ex. compromise one's principle; N.

□ **compunction** remorse; strong uneasiness caused by guilt

□ **compute** reckon; calculate

♡ **reckon** count; calculate; regard as; think; suppose

□ **concatenate** link as in a chain

□ **concave** hollow; curved inwards; OP. convex

□ **concede** admit; acknowledge as being true (often reluctantly); yield; grant; Ex. concede a goal

□ **conceit** vanity or self-love; too high opinion of one's own value; extravagant metaphor (in poetry)

♡ **vain** full of self-admiration; conceited; without result; unsuccessful; N. vanity

□ **concentric** having a common center

□ **conception** beginning; forming of an idea; fertilization; V. conceive: form an idea in the mind; devise; become pregnant; CF. inception

♠ **concerted** mutually agreed on; done together by agreement; Ex. concerted effort; CF. in concert: working together

□ **concession** an act of yielding; conceding; something conceded; point, right, etc. given unwillingly; privilege of maintaining a business in a certain place; Ex. oil concessions in the North sea; CF. concessionnaire

□ **conciliatory** reconciling; soothing; V. conciliate: reconcile; soothe; win the friendly feelings (by removing anger)

□ **concise** brief and compact

♠ **conclave** private secret meeting

□ **conclusive** decisive; ending all debate

□ **concoct** prepare by mixing or combining; make up in concert; devise (something false) so as to deceive; Ex. concoct an elaborate excuse for being late; N. concoction

□ **concomitant** that which accompanies; Ex. Deafness is a frequent concomitant of old age; ADJ: existing or happening together with something else

□ **concord** harmony; accord

♡ **concordat** formal agreement

□ **concur** agree; coincide; happen at the same time

□ **concurrent** happening at the same time; in agreement

□ **condescend** (derog.) bestow courtesies with a superior air; descend to the level of one considered inferior

□ **condign** adequate; (of punishment) severe and well deserved 

□ **condiments** seasonings; spices

□ **condole** express condolences; N. condolence: sympathy for someone who has experienced great sorrow

□ **condone** overlook; forgive; give tacit approval; excuse

□ **conducive** helpful; contributive; V. conduct; Ex. conduct to/towards

□ **conduit** aqueduct; passageway for fluids

♠ **confidant(confidante)** trusted friend (to whom one tells one's secret)

♡ **confide** tell in confidence (to a person one trusts); be confident about

♡ **confidence** self-assurance; calm unworried feeling based on a strong belief in one's abilities; strong belief in the ability of a person or plan; trust or faith in a person or thing; something confided; secret; Ex. confidence in your ability; Ex. I'm telling you this in confidence; Ex. exchange confidences about their boyfriends; ADJ. confident

♡ **confidential** spoken or written in secret; trusted with private matters; Ex. confidential secretary

□ **confine** shut in an enclosed space; restrict; keep within limits; N. confinement

□ **confiscate** seize; take possession of (private property) by official order (usu. as a punishment); commandeer

□ **conflagration** great fire

□ **confluence** flowing together; the place where two rivers flow together; crowd; gathering together

□ **conformity** harmony; agreement with established rules or customs; similarity; Ex. behave in conformity with; V. conform: be similar; act in agreement; comply; Ex. conform to the rule; CF. conformance

♡ **conformist** person who uncritically conforms to the customs of a group; OP. nonconformist: one who does not conform to accepted beliefs of norms

♠ **confound** confuse; puzzle

□ **congeal** freeze; coagulate

□ **congenial** pleasant; friendly; in agreement with one's tastes and nature; Ex. congenial weather

□ **congenital** existing at birth

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□ **conglomeration** mass of material sticking together

♡ **conglomerate** corporation made up of several different companies in diversified fields; mass of various material gathered together; rock consisting of small stones held together by clay; V.

□ **congruence** correspondence of parts; harmonious relationship; CF. congruity

□ **congruent** in agreement; harmonious; corresponding; coinciding exactly; CF. congruous

♠ **conifer** pine tree (usu. evergreen); cone-bearing tree; ADJ. coniferous; CF. deciduous; CF. evergreen

□ **conjecture** surmise; guess; V.

□ **conjugal** pertaining to marriage

□ **conjure** cause to appear by magic; summon (a devil or a spirit) by magical power; practice magic (esp. by very quick movement of the hands); evoke; conjure up: bring into the mind; Ex. The magician conjured a rabbit out of his hat.

□ **connivance** pretense of ignorance of something wrong; assistance; permission to offend; V. connive: feign ignorance (of a wrong); cooperate secretly in an illegal action; conspire

□ **connoisseur** person competent to act as a judge of art, etc. (whose judgments are respected); a lover of an art

□ **connotation** suggested or implied meaning of an expression; V. connote

□ **connubial** pertaining to marriage or the matrimonial state

♡ **matrimony** state of being married

♡ **patrimony** property inherited from a father

□ **consanguinity** kinship; relationship by birth

♡ **consanguineous** (consanguine) having a common ancestor

□ **conscientious** scrupulous; thorough and careful; Ex. conscientious worker

□ **conscript** draftee; person forced into military service; V.

□ **consecrate** dedicate; sanctify; declare as sacred; Ex. consecrate one's life to helping the poor

□ **consensus** general agreement; opinion reached by a group

□ **consequential** self-important; significant; consequent; following as a result; Ex. consequential air; CF. subsequent

□ **conservatory** (conservatoire) school of the fine arts (especially music or drama); glass-enclosed area; CF. conservancy

□ **consign** send to a person or place for sale; deliver officially; entrust; put into the care of another; set apart (for a special purpose); N. consignment; CF. consignor, consignee

□ **consistency** absence of contradictions; uniformity; degree of thickness or firmness; Ex. consistency of thick cream; CF. viscous

□ **console** lessen sadness or disappointment; give comfort; allay the sorrow of; N. consolation

□ **consolidation** unification; process of becoming firmer or stronger; V. consolidate: merge; strengthen

□ **consonance** harmony; agreement

♡ **consonant** harmonious; in agreement; N.

□ **consort** associate with; keep company; N: husband or wife (or a ruler)

□ **conspiracy** treacherous plot; secret plan against the law (by two or more people)

♡ **conspire** take part in a conspiracy; (of events) work together; combine; Ex. Events conspired to produce great difficulties.

♡ **consternation** great shock; dismay

□ **constituent** supporter; voter; member of a constituency; component

♡ **constituency** voters represented by an elected official; district so represented; group of supporters (or constituents)

♡ **constitution** constituting; system of laws; composition of something; physical makeup or structure of a person; Ex. men with strong constitutions

□ **constraint** restraint; compulsion; repression of feelings; reticence; V. constrain: hold back; restrain; compel; oblige; confine forcibly; imprison

□ **construe** explain; interpret; Ex. construe her silence as meaning that she agreed; CF. misconstrue

□ **consummate** complete; V.

□ **contagion** infection (by contact); ADJ. contagious; CF. infectious: that can be passed by infection in the air

♡ **drastic** strong; violent and severe; Ex. drastic changes/measures

□ **contaminate** pollute

□ **contempt** scorn; disdain; ADJ. contemptuous; CF. contemptible

□ **contend** struggle; compete; assert earnestly; state strongly

□ **contention** assertion; claim; thesis; struggling; competition

♡ **thesis** opinion put forward and supported by reasoned arguments

♡ **boost** lift by pushing up from below; increase; raise; N: push upward; increase

□ **contentious** quarrelsome; controversial; likely to cause arguments

□ **contest** dispute; argue about the rightness of; compete for; try to win; Ex. contest the election results; Ex. contest a seat in Parliament; N.

□ **context** writings preceding and following the passage quoted; circumstance in which an event occurs

□ **contiguous** adjacent to; touching upon

♠ **continence** self-restraint; sexual chastity; sexual abstinence; voluntary control over bladder and bowel functions; ADJ. continent

♠ **contingent** dependent on something uncertain or in the future; conditional; happening by chance; accidental; N: a group of soldiers, ships to a larger force; CF. contingency: future event that may or may not occur; possibility; Ex. prepare for every contingency

□ **contortions** twistings; distortions; V. contort: twist violently out of shape; CF. contortionist

♠ **contraband** illegal trade; smuggling; smuggled goods; ADJ.

♠ **contravene** contradict; oppose; violate (a rule, law, or custom); N. contravention

□ **contrite** penitent; repentant; N. contrition

♠ **contrived** unnatural and forced; artificial; not spontaneous; Ex. The ending was rather contrived.

♡ **contrive** invent or fabricate in a clever way (by improvisation); manage; Ex. contrive to attract his attention

♡ **contrivance** something contrived; machine or apparatus; clever deceitful plan; scheme

□ **controvert** oppose with arguments; attempt to refute; contradict; ADJ. controversial; N. controversy

□ **contumacious** stubborn and disobedient; resisting authority (esp. disobedient to an order made by a court)

□ **contusion** bruise

♡ **bruise** injure without breaking the skin; N.

♠ **conundrum** riddle; difficult problem

□ **convene** come together; assemble; call to meet; Ex. convene the council

□ **convention** social or moral custom; established practice; formal meeting; international agreement

□ **conventional** ordinary; typical; not nuclear; Ex. conventional weapons

□ **converge** approach; tend to meet; come together

□ **conversant** familiar with; having knowledge of

□ **converse** opposite; ADJ.

□ **convert** one who has adopted a different religion or opinion; V: change into another form; (persuade to) adopt a particular religion or belief

□ **convex** curving outward

□ **conveyance** vehicle; transfer; act of conveying; Ex. public conveyance

□ **conviction** judgment that someone is guilty of a crime; strongly held belief

□ **convivial** pleasantly merry; festive; joyous; gay; characterized by joviality; jovial

□ **convocate** call together; Ex. convocate Parliament; N. convocation

□ **convoluted** coiled around; twisted; involved; complicated; intricate; complex; N. convolution: twist; one of the convex folds of the surface of the brain

♡ **convulsion** violent uncontrollable shaking movement (caused by illness); V. convulse; ADJ. convulsive

♠ **copious** plentiful

♠ **coquette** flirt; flirtatious woman; woman who tries to attract the admiration of men without sincere feelings; V.

♡ **flirt** behave in a way that attracts (sexual) attention; deal triflingly with; N: one (or woman) given to flirting; ADJ. flirtatious

□ **cordial** warmly friendly; gracious; heartfelt; Ex. cordial welcome

♠ **cordon** extended line of men or fortifications to prevent access or egress; () ; V.

♠ **cornice** projecting molding on building (usually above columns or pillars);

♠ **cornucopia** horn (or horn-shaped container) overflowing with fruit and grain; symbol of abundance; horn of plenty

□ **corollary** natural consequence (which naturally follows from something else)

♠ **corporeal** bodily (rather than spiritual); of a bodily form; material; tangible

□ **corpulent** very fat; N. corpulence

♡ **corpus** collection (of writings or information); Ex. the corpus of Shakespear's works; Cf. corpse

♡ **corpuscle** red or white cell in the blood

□ **correlation** mutual relationship

♡ **correlate** either of the correlated things; V.

□ **corroborate** confirm; support; strengthen

□ **corrode** destroy or wear away gradually by chemical action (over a long period)

□ **corrosive** eating away by chemicals or disease; (of language) fierce

♠ **corrugated** wrinkled; ridged

♡ **wrinkle** small ridge on a smooth surface (face or cloth); V.

♡ **crinkle** wrinkle

□ **cosmic** pertaining to the universe; vast

♠ **coterie** group that meets socially; select circle; close group of people with shared interests

□ **countenance** approve; support; tolerate; Ex. countenance his rude behavior; N: face; appearance

♠ **countermand** cancel; revoke (an order)

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□ **counterpart** thing that completes another; things very much alike; thing that has the same purpose in a different system

♠ **coup** highly successful action or sudden attack; coup(s) d'état; Cf. coup de grâce: deathblow or shot which kills

□ **couple** join; unite; OP. uncouple

♠ **courier** messenger

♠ **covenant** binding agreement between two groups or people; compact; V: enter into a covenant; promise

♡ **bargain** agreement between two groups or people; something for sale at a price advantageous to the buyer; V: negotiate; trade; Ex. bargaining power

□ **covert** secret; hidden; implied; OP. overt

♠ **covetous** avaricious; desirous of (someone else's possessions); V. covet: desire eagerly (someone else's possessions)

♠ **cow** terrorize; intimidate

♠ **cower** shrink quivering as from fear; cringe

♠ **coy** shy (flirtatiously); showing a (pretended) lack of self-confidence; modest; coquettish; CF. job offer

♠ **cozen** cheat; hoodwink; swindle

♠ **crabbed** sour; bad-tempered; peevish; difficult to read as handwriting

♡ **peevish** bad-tempered; irritable; V. peeve: make angry

♠ **crass** very unrefined; grossly insensible; crude and undiscriminating; Ex. crass behavior

□ **craven** cowardly

□ **credence** belief

♠ **credo** creed

□ **credulity** belief on slight evidence; gullibility; naïveté; ADJ. credulous

□ **creed** system of religious or ethical belief

□ **crescendo** increase in the volume or intensity as in a musical passage; climax; CF. crescent

♡ **far-fetched** too improbable to be believed; implausible; Ex. far-fetched story

♡ **overture** musical introduction to a long musical piece; first offer or proposal (to begin talks in the hope of reaching an agreement); Ex. overtures for peace

♠ **crestfallen** dejected; dispirited

♡ **crest** top (as of a hill or wave); showy feathers on the head of a bird

♠ **crevice** crack; fissure

□ **cringe** shrink back as if in fear; cower

□ **criteria** standards used in judging; CF. criterion

♠ **crone** hag; ugly old woman

♠ **crotchety** (of someone old) eccentric; odd; whimsical; bad-tempered; N. crotchet: odd or whimsical notion

♠ **crux** essential or main point; Ex. the crux of the problem; ADJ. crucial: of deciding importance

□ **crypt** secret recess or vault usually used for burial; underground room (under a church)

□ **cryptic** mysterious; hidden; secret

♠ **cubicle** small chamber used for sleeping or work

♡ **compartment** one of the parts into which an enclosed space is divided

♠ **cuisine** style of cooking; Ex. French cuisine

♠ **culinary** relating to cooking or kitchen

♠ **cull** pick out from others (to kill the weakest members); reject; select; collect (information); N.

□ **culmination** highest point; climax; V. culminate in: reach the highest point in; end in; Ex. a series of minor clashes culminating in war

□ **culpable** deserving blame; blameworthy

♡ **culprit** one guilty of a crime

♠ **culvert** artificial channel for water; drain crossing under a road

□ **cumbersome** heavy and awkward to carry or wear; burdensome; Ex. cumbersome parcel/uniform

□ **cumulative** growing by addition; accumulative

□ **cupidity** greed (for wealth); CF. cupid; CF. Cupid

□ **curator** superintendent; manager (in charge of a museum or a library)

♠ **curmudgeon** churlish, miserly individual; bad-tempered old person

♠ **cursive** (of writing) flowing; running; having the successive letters joined

□ **cursor** casual; hastily done with little attention to detail

□ **curtail** shorten; reduce

□ **cynical** skeptical or distrustful of human motives; N. cynicism; CF. cynic: person who believes all people are motivated by selfishness

♠ **cynosure** object of general attention; person or thing that is a center of attention; CF. Ursa Minor

♠ **dabble** work at in a nonserious fashion; splash around; move noisily in a liquid

♠ **dais** raised platform for speakers or other important people

♠ **dally** trifle with; toy with; treat without the necessary seriousness; procrastinate; waste time

♠ **dank** damp; unpleasantly wet

♠ **dapper** neat and trim (in appearance); (of small men) neat in appearance and quick in movements; neat; spry

♠ **dappled** spotted

♠ **daub** smear (as with paint); cover with something sticky; Ex. daub one's clothes with mud/paint; N: small bit of sticky substance; Ex. a daub of paint

♡ **smear** spread or cover with a sticky substance; N: mark made by smearing

♡ **smudge** dirty mark with unclear edges made by rubbing; V.

□ **daunt** intimidate; frighten; discourage; dishearten

□ **dauntless** bold; fearless

□ **dawdle** loiter; hang around; waste time doing nothing

□ **deadlock** standstill resulting from the opposition of two unrelenting forces; stalemate

♡ **standstill** condition of no movement or activity; stop

♠ **deadpan** wooden; impassive; with no show of feeling; with an expressionless face

□ **dearth** scarcity

□ **débâcle** sudden disastrous downfall or defeat; complete disaster

□ **debase** degrade; reduce in quality or value; degenerate; lower in esteem; disgrace; N. debasement

♡ **kneel** go down on one's knee(s)

♠ **debauch** corrupt morally; seduce from virtue; N. debauchery: wild behavior (with sex and alcohol)

♥ **seduce** lead away from proper conduct; entice; ADJ. seductive

□ **debilitate** weaken (esp. through heat, hunger, illness); enfeeble

♥ **bout** match; short period of great activity; Ex. wrestling bout; bout of drinking/flu

♠ **debonair** (of men) friendly, charming, and fashionably dressed; aiming to please; CF. of good disposition

□ **débris** rubble; wreckage; scattered remains of something broken or destroyed

♠ **debunk** expose as false, exaggerated, worthless, etc.; ridicule

♠ **debutante** young woman making formal entrance into society

♥ **debut** début; first public appearance; formal presentation of a young woman to society

□ **decadence** decay; fall to a lower level (of morality, civilization, or art); ADJ. decadent

□ **decant** pour off gently (wine or liquid)

□ **decapitate** behead

□ **decelerate** slow down

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♠ **deciduous** falling off at a specific season or stage of growth as of leaves; Ex. deciduous tree/teeth

□ **decimate** kill (usually one out of ten or every tenth man); destroy or kill a large part of

□ **decipher** decode; CF. indecipherable

♠ **declivity** downward slope

♠ **décolleté** (of a dress) having a low-cut neckline; CF. décolletage: low neckline (on a dress)

♥ **decree** authoritative order; edict; judgment of a court of law; V: order or judge by decree

♠ **decomposition** decay; V. decompose: decay; break and separate into simple parts

□ **decorum** propriety; orderliness and good taste in manners; appropriateness of behavior or conduct

♥ **decorous** proper (in behavior, conduct, or appearance)

□ **decoy** lure or bait; V.

□ **decrepitude** state of collapse or weakness caused by illness or old age

♥ **decrepit** weak and in bad condition from old age or hard use; Ex. decrepit old chair/man

♠ **decry** express strong disapproval of; condemn openly (something dangerous to the public); disparage; Ex. decry the violence of modern films

□ **deducible** derived by reasoning; V. deduce: infer; derive by reasoning

□ **deface** mar; disfigure

♥ **mar** spoil the appearance of

□ **defame** harm someone's reputation; malign; speak evil of; slander; N. defamation; ADJ. defamatory

□ **default** failure to act; failure to perform a task or be present; V.

♠ **defeatist** resigned to defeat or failure; accepting defeat or failure as a natural outcome; N. CF. defeatism

□ **defection** desertion

♥ **defect** shortcoming; V: desert (in order to join the opposite one)

□ **defer** give in respectfully; submit; delay till later; exempt temporarily; N. deferment; CF. show respect, comply with, courteous

□ **deference** courteous regard for another's wish; courteous yielding to another's wish or opinion (showing respect); ADJ. deferential; OP. effrontery

□ **defiance** refusal to yield; resistance; V. defy; ADJ. defiant

□ **defile** pollute; make filthy or dirty; corrupt morally; profane; desecrate; N: narrow passage or gorge through mountains

□ **definitive** most reliable; authoritative and complete; that cannot be improved; conclusive; decisive; definite; Ex. definitive decision by the supreme court

□ **deflect** turn aside; turn away from a straight course

♠ **defoliate** destroy leaves; deprive of leaves (by the use of chemicals); N. defoliant

♠ **defray** provide for the payment of; undertake the payment of; pay

♠ **defrock** strip a priest or minister of church authority; unfrock

♥ **frock** long loose garment (worn by monks)

□ **deft** neat; skillful

□ **defunct** dead; no longer in use or existence

□ **degenerate** become worse in quality; deteriorate; ADJ: having become worse; Ex. a degenerate species; N: depraved or corrupt person

□ **degradation** humiliation; debasement; degeneration; V. degrade: debase; disgrace; degenerate; reduce (something) in worth; demote (someone); reduce in rank

♥ **dishonor** disgrace; N. ADJ. dishonorable

♠ **dehydrate** remove water from; dry out

□ **deify** turn into a god; make a god of; idolize; Ex. Kings were deified; CF. deity

♠ **deign** condescend; stoop

♥ **stoop** bend forward and down; lower or debase oneself; fall to a lower standard of behavior by doing something; condescend; Ex. stoop to lying

□ **delete** erase; strike out

♠ **deleterious** harmful

□ **deliberate** consider; ponder; ADJ: done on purpose; slow

- **delineate** portray; depict; sketch; describe; N. delineation
- **delirium** mental disorder marked by confusion; uncontrolled excitement; ADJ. delirious
- **delta** flat plain of mud or sand between branches of a river
- **delude** deceive
- **deluge** flood; rush; V.
- **delusion** false belief; hallucination; deluding; Ex. delusions of grandeur; Ex. under the delusion that
- **delusive** deceptive; likely to delude; misleading; raising vain hopes; Ex. delusive promises
- ♠ **delve** dig; search deeply; investigate
- **demagogue** person who appeals to people's prejudice; false leader of people; CF. demagoguery
- **demean** disgrace; humiliate; debase in dignity; behave
- **demeanor** behavior; bearing
- **demented** insane
- **demise** death
- ♠ **demographic** related to population balance; N. demography: statistical study of human population
- **demolition** destruction; V. demolish
- ♠ **demoniac(demoniacal)** fiendish; cruel; N. demon: evil supernatural being; devil
- ♡ **fiend** evil spirit; devil
- ♠ **demotic** of or pertaining to the people
- ♠ **demur** object (because of doubts, scruples); raise an objection (showing qualms); hesitate; Ex. demur at the idea of working on Sunday
- ♠ **demure** (of a woman or child) grave; quiet and serious; coy; pretending to be demure
- **denigrate** blacken; defame
- **denizen** (animal, person, or plant) inhabitant or resident of a particular place; regular visitor
- **denotation** meaning; distinguishing by name; V. denote: indicate; refer to directly; mean; CF. connotation
- ♠ **dénouement** final outcome; final development of the plot of a play or other literary work; the end of a story when everything is explained
- **denounce** condemn; criticize; N. denunciation
- **depict** portray
- ♡ **exposé** public revelation of something discreditable
- **deplete** reduce; exhaust
- **deplore** regret; express sorrow and severe disapproval for something bad; Ex. deplore their violent behavior; ADJ. deplorable: very bad; deserving severe disapproval; Ex. deplorable living condition
- **deploy** spread out (troops) in an extended though shallow battle line; distribute (persons or forces) systematically or strategically
- ♡ **battalion** army unit made up of four or more companies

- **depose** dethrone; remove from office; give a deposition; testify
- **deposition** testimony under oath; deposing; dethroning
- **depravity** extreme corruption; wickedness; V. deprave
- **deprecate** express disapproval of; deplore; protest against; belittle; ADJ. deprecatory
- **depreciate** lessen in value; belittle; represent as of little value
- **predation** plundering; destruction
- **deranged** insane
- ♡ **institute** organization for a special purpose; V: establish
- ♡ **institution** instituting; (building for the) organization; established custom, practice, or relationship in a society; mental hospital; Ex. institution of marriage
- ♡ **institutionalize** make into an institution; put or confine in an institution
- **derelict** negligent; (of someone) neglectful of duty; (of something) deserted by an owner; abandoned; N: abandoned property; homeless or vagrant person
- ♡ **dereliction** neglect of duty; abandonment
- **deride** ridicule; treat with contempt; make fun of; OP. respect
- **derision** ridicule; ADJ. derisive; CF. derisory
- **derivative** unoriginal; obtained from another source; Ex. derivative prose style; N.
- ♡ **derivation** deriving; origin or source of something; Ex. the derivation of the word
- **dermatologist** one who studies the skin and its diseases
- ♡ **acne** skin disease (on the face)

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- **derogatory** expressing a low opinion; disparaging; V. derogate: detract; disparage
- ♠ **descry** catch sight of (something distant)
- **desecrate** profane; violate the sanctity of
- ♡ **violate** break (a law); defile; desecrate; assault sexually; Ex. violate graves
- **desiccate** dry up
- **desolate** (of a place) deserted; unpopulated; (of a person) lonely; forlorn; joyless
- **desolate** make desolate; forsake; abandon and desert
- ♠ **desperado** reckless, desperate outlaw
- ♡ **desperate** having lost all hope; despairing; reckless and violent because of loss of hope or despair; undertaken as a last resort
- **despise** look on with scorn; regard as worthless or distasteful; ADJ. despicable: contemptible
- **despoil** plunder; sack; Ex. despoil the village
- **despondent** without hope and courage; depressed; gloomy; N. despondency: loss of hope with gloom; dejection

- **despot** tyrant; harsh, authoritarian ruler; CF. despotism
- **destitute** extremely poor; lacking means of subsistence; utterly lacking; devoid; Ex. destitute of any experience
- ♡ **impoverish** make poor; deprive of natural strength or something important; Ex. impoverished soil
- **desultory** aimless; haphazard; digressing at random
- ♠ **detached** emotionally removed; free from emotional involvement; calm and objective; physically separate; N. detachment; CF. attachment
- ♡ **detain** keep waiting; prevent from leaving or going; N. detention
- ♠ **determinate** having a fixed order of procedure; precisely defined; invariable; fixed; conclusive; final
- ♠ **determination** resolve; firmness of purpose; measurement or calculation; decision
- **deterrant** something that discourages or deters
- **detonation** explosion
- **detraction** slandering; aspersion; detracting; CF. detractor
- **detrimental** harmful; damaging; N. detriment
- **deviate** turn away from (a principle, norm); move away from an accepted standard; swerve; depart; diverge; N. deviation; Ex. deviation of the path of light by a prism
- ♠ **devious** roundabout; erratic; deviating from the straight course; not straightforward; not completely honest; Ex. devious route
- **devise** think up; invent; plan; bequeath; N: bequest
- **devoid** empty; lacking
- ♠ **devolve** deputize; pass or be passed to others (power, work, or property); Ex. devolve on/upon/to
- ♡ **deputize** work or appoint as a deputy; N. deputy: person who has the power to take charge when the leading person is away
- **devotee** enthusiastic follower; enthusiast; Ex. devotee of Bach
- **devout** pious; deeply religious; sincere; earnest; Ex. my devout hope
- ♡ **religious** of religion; (of a person) pious; having reverence for a deity
- **dexterous** skillful; skill in using hands or mind; N. dexterity
- **diabolical** diabolic; devilish; fiendish
- ♠ **diadem** crown
- **dialectical** relating to the art of debate; mutual or reciprocal; Ex. dialectical situation; N. dialectic: art of arriving at the truth by the exchange of logical arguments
- **diaphanous** sheer; transparent
- ♠ **diatribe** bitter scolding or denunciation; invective; abuse
- **dichotomy** division into two opposite parts; split; branching into two parts (especially contradictory ones)

- ♠ **dictum** authoritative and weighty statement (made by a judge in court); saying; maxim; CF. obiter dictum: incidental, nonbinding remark (something said in passing)
- ♠ **didactic** (of speech or writing) intended to teach a moral lesson; teaching; instructional; N. didacticism
- ♠ **die** metal block used for shaping metal or plastic; device for stamping or impressing; mold; CF. dice
- **diffidence** shyness; lack of self-confidence; timidity; ADJ. diffident
- ♠ **diffuse** wordy; verbose; rambling; spread out (like a gas); V: spread out in all directions; disperse; N. diffusion; CF. suffuse
- **digression** wandering away from the subject; V. digress
- **dilapidated** falling to pieces; in a bad condition; ruined because of neglect; Ex. dilapidated old car/castle; N. dilapidation
- **dilate** expand; dilate on/upon: speak or write at length on (a subject)
- **dilatory** delaying; tending to delay
- **dilemma** situation that requires a choice between equally unfavorable options; problem; choice of two unsatisfactory alternatives
- ♠ **dilettante** aimless follower of an art or a field of knowledge (not taking it seriously); amateur; dabbler; CF. delight
- **diligence** steadiness of effort; persistent hard work
- **dilute** make (a liquid) less concentrated; reduce in strength; Ex. dilute the influence of the president
- **diminution** lessening; reduction in size; V. diminish
- **din** continued loud noise; V: make a din; instill by wearying repetition
- ♡ **weary** tired after long work; V.
- ♠ **dinghy** small boat (often ship's boat)
- ♡ **maroon** leave helpless on a deserted island or coast; ADJ. red brown
- ♠ **dingy** (of things and place) dirty and dull; Ex. dingy street/curtain
- ♡ **dull** (of colors or surfaces) not bright; cloudy; overcast; boring; (of edge or sound) not sharp; not rapid; sluggish; slow in thinking and understanding; stupid; V.
- ♠ **dint** means; effort; Ex. by dint of hard work
- ♠ **diorama** life-size, three-dimensional scene from nature or history; three-dimensional scene with modeled figures against a painted background
- ♠ **dire** warning of disaster; disastrous; (of needs and dangers) very great; urgent; Ex. dire prediction/need of food
- ♠ **dirge** funeral song; slow mournful piece of music (sung over a dead person)
- **disabuse** correct a false impression; undeceive; free from a wrong belief
- ♠ **disaffected** disloyal; lacking loyalty; V. disaffect: cause to lose affection or loyalty

- **disapprobation** disapproval; condemnation
- ♠ **disarray** state of disorder; a disorderly or untidy state; Ex. with her clothes in disarray
- ♠ **disavowal** denial; disclaiming; repudiating; disowning; V. disavow; CF. disclaim
- ♠ **disband** dissolve; disperse; (of a group) break up and separate; Ex. The club has disbanded.
- ♠ **disburse** pay out (as from a fund); N. disbursement; CF. purse
- **discernible** distinguishable; perceptible; Ex. discernible improvement
- **discerning** mentally quick and observant; having insight; perceptive; able to make good judgments; V. discern: perceive
- ♠ **disclaim** disown; renounce claim to; deny; CF. disclaimer
- **disclose** reveal; N. disclosure
- ♠ **discombobulated** discomposed; confused
- ♡ **discompose** disturb the composure of; confuse
- **discomfit** frustrate; put to rout; defeat; disconcert; embarrass; perturb
- ♠ **disconcert** confuse; upset; embarrass; perturb
- **disconsolate** hopelessly sad (at the loss of something)
- **discord** conflict; lack of harmony; dissonance (when musical notes are played)
- **discordant** not harmonious; conflicting
- ♠ **discount** disregard; regard (a story or news) as unimportant; deduct from a cost
- **discourse** serious speech, writing, or conversation; formal discussion (either written or spoken); conversation; V.
- **discredit** defame; disgrace; destroy confidence in; disbelieve; N. CF. discreditable: causing discredit; shameful
- **discrepancy** lack of consistency or agreement as between facts; difference; Ex. discrepancy between two descriptions
- **discrete** separate; unconnected
- **discretion** prudence; ability to adjust actions to circumstances; freedom of action or judgment; ADJ. discreet; CF. discretionary
- **discriminating** able to see differences; discerning; prejudiced; N. discrimination
- ♡ **discriminate** distinguish; make distinctions on the basis of preference
- ♡ **brisk** quick and active; marked by liveliness and vigor
- ♠ **discursive** (of a person or writing) digressing; rambling (without any clear plan)
- **disdain** treat with scorn or contempt
- ♠ **disembark** debark; go ashore (from a ship); unload cargo from a ship; CF. embark
- **disenfranchise** disfranchise; deprive of a civil right; OP. enfranchise

- ♠ **disengage** uncouple; separate; disconnect; stop fighting; OP. engage

- **disfigure** mar the appearance of; spoil

- ♠ **disgorge** surrender something (stolen); eject; vomit; OP. gorge

- ♠ **disgruntle** make discontented

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- **dishearten** discourage

- ♠ **disheveled** untidy (of hair or clothing); V. dishevel

- **disinclination** unwillingness

- ♠ **disingenuous** not naive; not candid; sophisticated; worldly wise; OP. ingenuous

- ♠ **disinter** dig up; unearth; OP. inter

- **disinterested** unprejudiced; free from bias and self-interest; objective

- **disjointed** disconnected; lacking coherence; V. disjoint: disconnect; disjoin

- **disjunction** act or state of separation; disunity; CF. disjunctive: expressing a choice between two ideas; CF. conjunction; CF. conjunctive

- ♠ **dislodge** remove (forcibly); force out of a position; Ex. dislodge the food caught in his throat; CF. lodge

- ♠ **dismantle** take apart; disassemble

- ♡ **mantle** loose sleeveless outer garment; cloak; something that covers or envelops; the layer of the earth between the crust and the core

- ♡ **crust** hard outer covering (as of earth or snow)

- **dismember** cut into small parts; cut (a body) apart limb from limb

- ♠ **dismiss** eliminate from consideration; no longer consider; put out of court without further hearing; reject; discharge from employment; direct to leave; ADJ. dismissive; N. dismissal

- **disparage** belittle

- **maneuver**(*manoeuvre*) strategic military or naval movement (done for training purposes); carefully planned process; stratagem; V: carry out a military maneuver; use maneuvers in gaining an end

- **disparate** basically different; impossible to compare; unrelated

- **disparity** difference; condition of inequality; OP. parity

- **dispassionate** calm; impartial; not influenced by personal feelings

- **dispatch** speediness; prompt execution; message sent with all due speed; V: send to a specified destination; finish promptly; kill

- **dispel** scatter; drive away; cause to vanish

- ♡ **dispense** distribute; prepare and give out (medicines); N. dispensation: dispensing; religious system; official exemption from an obligation or a rule

- **disperse** scatter; Ex. disperse the cloud/crowd
- ♠ **dispirited** lacking in spirit
- ♠ **disport** amuse; Ex. disport oneself; CF. divert
- **disputatious** argumentative; fond of argument
- **disquietude** uneasiness; anxiety; V. disquiet: make anxious
- ♠ **disquisition** formal systematic inquiry; explanation of the results of a formal inquiry; long formal speech or written report
- **dissection** analysis; cutting apart in order to examine
- ♠ **dissemble** disguise; hide the real nature of; pretend
- **disseminate** distribute; spread; scatter (like seeds)
- **dissent** disagree
- **dissertation** formal essay; treatise
- **dissident** dissenting (with an opinion, a group, or a government); rebellious; N.
- ♠ **dissimulate** pretend; conceal by feigning; dissemble
- **dissipate** squander; waste foolishly; scatter
- ♠ **dissolution** disintegration; reduction to a liquid form; looseness in morals; sensual indulgence; debauchery; ADJ. dissolute: lacking in moral restraint; leading an immoral life
- ♡ **reduce** diminish; bring to a weaker or more difficult condition; demote; lower in rank; separate into components by analysis; Ex. reduced to the ranks; Ex. reduce the house to rubble; N. reduction
- **dissuade** persuade not to do; discourage; N. dissuasion
- ♡ **dissonance** discord
- ♠ **distant** reserved or aloof; cold in manner; Ex. distant greeting; ADV. distantly
- **distend** expand; swell out
- **distill** refine (a liquid by evaporating and subsequent condensation); concentrate; separate the most important parts from; Ex. distill fresh water from sea water; CF. brew
- ♠ **distinction** honor; excellence; difference; contrast; discrimination; Ex. graduated with distinction; Ex. a writer of real distinction
- ♡ **distinct** clearly different; clearly noticed
- ♡ **distinctive** clearly different from others of the same kind
- **distort** twist out of shape; give a false account of; misrepresent; N. distortion
- ♠ **distract** absentminded; distracted
- ♠ **distraught** upset; distracted by anxiety; very anxious and troubled almost to the point of madness; Ex. distraught with grief/worry
- ♡ **distract** take (one's attention) off something; upset emotionally; make anxious; ADJ. distracted
- **diurnal** daily; occurring during the daytime
- **diva** operatic singer; prima donna

- **diverge** vary; go in different directions from the same point; ADJ. divergent: differing; deviating
- **diverse** differing in some characteristics (from each other); various; N. diversity: variety; dissimilitude; lack of resemblance
- **diversion** act of turning aside; pastime; V. divert: turn aside from a course; distract; amuse
- **divest** strip (as of clothes); deprive (as of rights); dispossess; N. divestiture(divestment)
- **divine** perceive intuitively (by or as if by magic); foresee the future; foretell; dowse; ADJ. N. divination
- ♡ **dowse** use a divining rod to search for underground water or minerals
- **divulge** reveal
- **docile** obedient; easily managed; submissive
- ♡ **ferocious** fierce; violent; N. ferocity
- ♠ **docket** program as for trial; book where such entries are made; list of things to be done; agenda; label fixed to a package listing contents or directions; V: describe in a docket
- ♠ **doctrinaire** unable to compromise about points of doctrine; dogmatic; unyielding; marked by inflexible attachment to a doctrine without regard to its practical difficulties
- **doctrine** teachings in general; particular principle (religious, legal, etc.) taught; dogma; tenet; ADJ. doctrinal
- ♡ **indoctrinate** cause to accept a doctrine without questioning it; Ex. indoctrinated with mindless anti-communism
- ♠ **document** provide written evidence (for a claim); record with documents; N.
- ♠ **doddering** shaky; infirm from old age; V. dodder
- ♡ **merit** deserve; ADJ. meritorious: deserving reward or praise
- ♠ **doff** take off; OP. don
- ♠ **dogged** determined; stubborn; stubbornly persevering; tenacious; Ex. Inspector Javert's dogged pursuit of Jean Valjean
- ♡ **persevere** continue steadily in spite of difficulties
- ♠ **doggerel** poor verse
- **dogmatic** opinionated; holding stubbornly to one's opinion; arbitrary; doctrinal
- ♠ **doldrums** blues; listlessness(lack of spirit or energy); slack(inactive) period; period of stagnation; ocean area near the equator where ships cannot move because there is no wind; Ex. in the doldrums
- ♡ **blues** state of depression or melancholy; style of slow, mournful music (evolved from southern Black American songs)
- **dolorous** sorrowful; N. dolor
- ♠ **dolt** slow-thinking stupid person; CF. dull
- ♠ **domicile** home; V. ADJ. domiciled: having one's domicile; Ex. He is domiciled in Britain.

♠ **domineer** rule over tyrannically

♥ **dominate** control; rule; enjoy a commanding position in; overlook from a height;

♥ **dominant** exercising the most influence; high and easily seen; stronger than the other part of a system; not recessive

♠ **don** put on; OP. doff

♥ **outfit** clothing or equipment for a special purpose; Ex. cowboy outfit

□ **dormant** sleeping; temporarily inactive; lethargic; latent

♠ **dormer** window projecting upright from roof; CF. sleeping room

□ **dorsal** relating to the back of an animal; Ex. dorsal fin

♠ **dossier** file of documents on a subject or person; file; CF. bundle of papers labeled on the back

♠ **dotage** senility; feeble-mindedness of old age; Ex. In one's dotage

♠ **dote** be excessively fond of; show signs of mental decline

♠ **dour** sullen; gloomy; stubborn

♥ **sullen** silently showing ill humor or resentment; dark; gloomy

♥ **brood** sit on in order to hatch; think deeply or worry anxiously; N: the young of certain animals; group of young birds hatched at one time

♠ **douse** plunge into water or liquid; dip; immerse; drench; wet thoroughly; extinguish; throw water over; douse

♠ **dowdy** untidy (of a woman or clothes); slovenly; dressed in an unattractive way; shabby; CF. unattractive woman

♠ **downcast** disheartened; dejected; sad; directed downward

♠ **drab** dull; lacking color; cheerless; Ex. drab coat/life

♠ **draconian** extremely severe; Ex. draconian punishment; CF. Draco: Athenian politician

♠ **dregs** sediment in a liquid; lees; worthless residue

♠ **drivel** nonsense; foolishness; V: talk nonsense

♥ **nonsense** speech or writing with no meaning; foolish behavior or language; Ex. make (a) nonsense of: spoil; cause to fail

♥ **dribble** flow or fall in drops; let saliva flow out slowly from the mouth; move a ball; N.

♥ **drip** fall or let fall in drops; shed drops; N: action or sound of falling in drops; liquid that falls in drops

♥ **trickle** flow in drops or in a thin stream; N.

♠ **droll** queer and amusing

♥ **queer** strange; eccentric; deviating from the normal

♠ **drone** idle person who lives on other people's work; male bee

♠ **drone** talk dully; buzz or murmur like a bee; N.

♥ **murmur** low, indistinct, continuous sound; V. CF. mumble

♠ **dross** waste matter; worthless impurities

□ **drudgery** hard unpleasant work; menial work

♥ **drudge** do drudgery; N: person who drudges

♠ **dubious** questionable; (of something) causing doubt; (of someone) filled with doubt; N. dubiety

♠ **ductile** malleable; pliable; (of metals) easily pulled into shape; flexible; (of someone) easily influenced or controlled

♠ **dulcet** sweet sounding; pleasing to the ear; melodious

♠ **dumbfound(dumfound)** astonish (making dumb); ADJ. dumbfounded, dumfounded, dumbstruck

♠ **dupe** someone easily fooled or deceived; V: deceive

♠ **duplicity** double-dealing; hypocrisy; being dishonest and deceitful; ADJ. duplicitous

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□ **duration** length of time something lasts

♠ **duress** forcible restraint, especially unlawfully; coercion by threat; illegal coercion; Ex. a promise made under duress

♠ **dutiful(duteous)** (of people or their behavior) respectful; obedient (filled with a sense of duty)

♠ **dwindle** shrink; reduce gradually

□ **dynamic** energetic; vigorously active

♥ **dynamo** generator for producing electricity; energetic person

♠ **dyspeptic** suffering from indigestion; N. dyspepsia: indigestion; difficulty in digesting food

♥ **dys-** abnormal; impaired

♥ **dyslexia** word blindness; learning disorder marked by impairment of the ability to read

♥ **dysentery** inflammatory disorder of the lower intestinal tract

♠ **earthy** unrefined; coarse; of earth; Ex. earthy remarks; OP. ethereal

♥ **earthly** of this earth; terrestrial; worldly; not divine; possible; Ex. no earthly reason

□ **ebb** (of the tide) recede; lessen; diminish; N. OP. flow: rise of tide

□ **ebullient** showing excitement; overflowing with enthusiasm; boiling; N. ebullience; N. ebullition: state of boiling

□ **eccentric** irregular; odd; unconventional; whimsical; bizarre; not concentric

□ **eccentricity** oddity; idiosyncrasy

□ **ecclesiastic** ecclesiastical; pertaining to the church; N: minister; priest; cleric; clergyman

♥ **chapel** small church (in a prison, college, or hospital)

♥ **chaplain** clergyman attached to a chapel

♥ **padre** chaplain (in the armed forces)

□ **eclectic** selective; composed of elements drawn from disparate sources; selecting individual elements from a variety of sources; N. eclecticism

♡ **selective** careful in choosing; having an effect only on certain things; not general; Ex. eclectic weed killer

□ **eclipse** darken; extinguish; outshine; surpass; cause an eclipse

♡ **ecliptic** path of the sun and the planets

□ **ecologist** person concerned with the interrelationship between living organisms and their environment; person concerned with the detrimental effects of human civilization on the environment; CF. ecology

♡ **ecosystem** ecological community together with its environment

□ **economy** efficiency or conciseness in using something; thrifty management of resources

□ **ecstasy** rapture; very strong feeling of joy and happiness; any overpowering emotion; ADJ. ecstatic: causing or experiencing ecstasy

♡ **rapture** great joy and delight; ecstasy; ADJ. rapturous

♠ **eddy** swirling current of water, air, etc.; V.

□ **edict** decree (especially one issued by a sovereign); official command

♡ **sovereign** ruler in a monarchy; ADJ: (of a country) independent and self-governing; having supreme power; supreme; excellent

♡ **sovereignty** complete independence and self-government (of a country); supremacy of authority; power to govern

♠ **edify** instruct; correct morally

♡ **edifice** building (of imposing size)

□ **eerie** weird; causing fear because strange

□ **efface** rub out; remove the surface of

□ **effectual** able to produce a desired effect; valid

♡ **effective** effectual; producing a strong response; striking; in operation; in effect; Ex. effective speech/photograph

♡ **effectuate** effect; produce; achieve; Ex. effectuate a reconciliation

□ **effeminate** having womanly traits

♡ **emasculate** weaken; castrate

♡ **castrate** remove the sex organs (of a male animal or person)

♠ **effervescence** inner excitement or exuberance; showing high spirits; emitting bubbles forming inside; bubbling from fermentation or carbonation; ADJ. effervescent; V. effervesce

□ **effete** having lost one's original power; barren; worn out; exhausted

□ **efficacy** power to produce desired effect; ADJ. efficacious; effectual

□ **effigy** dummy; likeness of a person made of wood, paper, or stone; Ex. burn an effigy of the President

♡ **dummy** imitation of a real object used as a substitute; effigy

♠ **effluvium** noxious(harmful) smell

□ **effrontery** rudeness without any sense of shame; shameless boldness; presumptuousness; nerve; cheek

♡ **effulgent** shining brightly; brilliant

□ **effusion** pouring forth; unrestrained outpouring of feeling; V. effuse: pour out; ADJ. effusive: pouring forth; gushing

♡ **gush** (of liquid) pour out in large quantities from a hole; make an excessive display of feeling (without true feeling); Ex. Blood gushed from the wound.

□ **egoism** excessive interest in one's self; belief that one should be interested in one's self rather than in others; selfishness; ADJ. egoistic, egoistical

♡ **ego** one's opinion of oneself; self-esteem

□ **egotistical** egotistic; excessively self-centered(egocentric); self-important; conceited

♡ **egotism** tendency to speak or write of oneself excessively; conceit; self-importance

□ **egregious** notorious; conspicuously bad or shocking

♠ **egress** exit; opening for going out; act of going out; OP. ingress

♠ **ejaculation** exclamation; abrupt ejection (to discharge sperm); V. ejaculate

♠ **elaboration** addition of details; intricacy

♡ **elaborate** work out carefully; add more detail or information; ADJ.

□ **elated** filled with excited joy and pride; overjoyed; in high spirits; joyful and proud; Ex. elated crowd; V. elate; N. elation

♠ **elegy** poem or song expressing lamentation (for the dead); ADJ. elegiacal, elegiac

□ **elicit** draw out fact or information (by discussion or from someone)

♠ **elixir** cure-all; panacea; something invigorating

□ **ellipsis** omission of words from a text; mark used to indicate an omission (when the meaning can be understood without them); PL. ellipses

□ **elliptical** elliptic; oval; of an ellipse; containing an ellipsis; ambiguous either purposely or because key words have been left out

□ **eloquence** expressiveness; persuasive speech; ADJ. eloquent: movingly expressive; expressing ideas well so that the hearers can be influenced

□ **elucidate** explain; make clear; clarify; enlighten; CF. lucid

□ **elusive** evasive; not frank; baffling; hard to grasp, catch, or understand; V. elude: escape from; escape the understanding or grasp of; Ex. elude the hunter; Ex. His name eludes me.

♠ **elysian** relating to paradise; blissful

♡ **Elysium** place or condition of bliss

□ **emaciated** thin and wasted (from hunger or illness)

□ **emanate** issue forth; come out

- **emancipate** set free; liberate
- **embargo** ban on commerce or other activity
- **embark** commence; go on board a boat; begin a journey
- **embed(imbed)** enclose; place in something; fix firmly in a surrounding mass
- **embellish** adorn; ornament; enhance as a story (by adding fictitious details)
- **embezzlement** taking for one's own use in violation of trust; stealing (of money placed in one's care)
- ♡ **emblazon** ornament richly (a shield or flag); N. emblazonment
- ♡ **embody** give a bodily form to; incorporate; include
- ♠ **emboss** produce a design in raised relief; decorate with a raised design
- **embrace** hug; clasp with the arms; adopt or espouse; accept readily; encircle; include; Ex. embrace the cause/socialism; Ex. all-embracing; CF. brace; CF. bracelet
- ♡ **encircle** surround
- **embroider** decorate with needlework; ornament (a story) with fancy or fictitious details; embellish
- **embroil** throw into confusion; involve in strife, dispute, or quarrel; entangle; CF. imbroglio
- **embryonic** undeveloped; rudimentary; N. embryo: organism in the early stage of development
- **emend** correct (usually a text); N. emendation: correction of errors; improvement
- ♠ **emetic** substance causing vomiting; ADJ.
- ♠ **eminent** rising above others; high; lofty; distinguished; Ex. eminent position
- **emissary** agent (sent on a mission to represent another); messenger
- **emollient** soothing or softening remedy (for the skin); ADJ.
- **emolument** salary; payment for an office; compensation
- ♠ **empathy** ability to identify with another's feelings, ideas, etc.; identification with and understanding of another's feelings; V. empathize; CF. sympathy
- ♡ **compassion** sympathy for the suffering of others; ADJ. compassionate
- **empirical** based on experience
- ♠ **emulate** imitate; rival; try to equal or excel (through imitation)
- ♠ **enamored** in love; Ex. enamored of his own beauty; V. enamor: inspire with love
- **encipher** encode; convert a message into code; put into cipher
- **enclave** territory enclosed within an alien land
- **encomiastic** praising; eulogistic; N. encomium: very high praise; eulogy
- **encompass** surround; include; Ex. His activities encompass publishing and computers.

- **encroachment** gradual intrusion; Ex. I resent all these encroachments on my valuable time; V. encroach: take another's possessions or right gradually or stealthily; intrude; Ex. encroach on/upon

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- **encumber** burden; N. encumbrance
- ♠ **endearment** fond word or act; expression of affection
- ♡ **endear** make beloved; Ex. endear her to everyone; ADJ. dear: loved; cherished; high-priced
- **endemic** prevailing among a specific group of people or in a specific area or country; peculiar to a particular region or people; CF. pandemic
- **endorse** approve; support; write one's signature on the back of; N. endorsement; CF. dorsal
- **endue** provide with some quality; endow
- **enduring** lasting; surviving; V. endure: bear (pain or suffering) for a long time; remain alive (in spite of difficulties); last; survive
- **energize** invigorate; give energy to; make forceful and active
- **enervate** weaken; take away energy from
- **enfranchise** admit to the rights of citizenship (especially the right to vote); CF. franchise
- ♠ **engage** attract; employ; hire; pledge oneself; confront; fight; enter into conflict; interlock; lock together; participate; N. engagement: agreement to marry; arrangement to meet someone or to do something; battle
- **engaging** charming; attractive
- ♡ **engaged** employed; busy; betrothed; involved in conflict
- **engender** cause; produce; give rise to
- **engross** occupy fully; absorb
- **enhance** increase; make greater (as in value, reputation, or usefulness); improve
- **enigma** puzzle; mystery; ADJ. enigmatic: obscure; puzzling
- ♡ **puzzle** baffle or confuse by a difficult problem; ponder over a problem in an effort to solve; clarify or solve by reasoning; Ex. puzzle out the answer; N.
- **enjoin** command; order; forbid
- **enmity** ill will; hatred; hostility
- ♠ **ennui** boredom; listlessness and dissatisfaction resulting from lack of interest; CF. annoy
- **enormity** hugeness (in a bad sense); excessive wickedness; Ex. enormity of the crime; ADJ. enormous
- ♠ **enrapture** please intensely; fill with rapture and delight
- ♠ **ensconce** settle comfortably; place comfortably (in a secure place)
- **ensue** follow (as a result)

□ **entail** make necessary; require; necessitate; involve; limit the inheritance of (property) to a specified succession of heirs; Ex. entail A on/upon B

♠ **enterprising** full of initiative; showing enterprise

♡ **enterprise** willingness to take new ventures; initiative; business organization; plan (that is difficult or daring); Ex. their latest enterprise to sail round the world in a small boat

□ **enthral** capture; enslave; captivate; hold the complete attention of (as if magic); hold spellbound

□ **entice** lure; persuade to do (something wrong); attract; tempt

♡ **mischief** behavior (of children) causing trouble with no serious harm; damage; harm; Ex. mischief to the crops; ADJ. mischievous: causing mischief; playfully troublesome

□ **entity** real being

□ **entomology** study of insects

♠ **entrance** put under a spell(condition caused by magical power); carry away(fill with strong feeling) with emotion; put into a trance; fill with delight

♡ **trance** hypnotic state; ecstatic state; detachment from one's physical surrounding (as in contemplation or day-dreaming); CF. transition

♡ **hypnosis** induced sleeping state; ADJ. hypnotic; V. hypnotize

□ **entreat** plead; ask earnestly

♠ **entree(entrée)** entrance; a way in; right to enter; main dish of a meal; Ex. entree into the exclusive circle

□ **entrepreneur** businessperson (who assumes the risk of a business venture); contractor; ADJ. entrepreneurial

□ **enumerate** list; mention one by one

♠ **enunciate** announce; proclaim; utter or speak, especially distinctly; pronounce clearly; articulate; Ex. This theory was first enunciated by him.

□ **environ** enclose; surround; N. environs: surrounding area (as of a city)

♠ **eon(aeon)** long period of time; an age; longest division of geologic time containing two or more eras

♠ **epaulet(epaulette)** ornament worn on the shoulder (of a uniform, etc.)

♡ **fringe** decorative edge of hanging threads; edge

□ **ephemeral** short-lived; fleeting

♡ **fleet** fast; rapid; N. ADJ. fleeting: passing quickly; ephemeral

□ **epic** long heroic poem, novel, or similar work of art (celebrating the feats of a hero); ADJ: (of stories or events) resembling an epic; grand

□ **epicure** connoisseur of food and drink; gourmet; ADJ. epicurean; CF. Epicurus

♡ **Epicurean** believing that pleasure is good and suffering is bad and should be avoided; N.

♠ **epigram** witty thought or saying, usually short

□ **epilogue** short speech at conclusion of dramatic work

♠ **episodic** (of a story or play) loosely connected; made up of separate and loosely connected parts; N. episode: incident in the course of an experience

♠ **epistemologist** philosopher who studies the nature of knowledge; N. epistemology

♠ **epitaph** inscription in memory of a dead person (as on a tombstone)

♠ **epithet** word or phrase characteristically used to describe a person or thing; descriptive phrase to characterize a person (often contemptuous)

□ **epitome** perfect example or embodiment; brief summary; Ex. epitome of good manners; V. epitomize: make an epitome of; be an epitome of; embody

□ **epoch** period of time

□ **equable** tranquil; of even calm temper; (of temperature) steady; uniform

□ **equanimity** calmness of temperament; composure

♠ **equestrian** rider on horseback; ADJ.

□ **equilibrium** balance of opposing forces; balance of the mind; equanimity

♠ **equine** resembling a horse; Ex. equine face

□ **equinox** period of equal days and nights; the beginning of spring and autumn; Ex. vernal/autumnal equinox; ADJ. equinoctial

♠ **equipoise** balance; balancing force; equilibrium

□ **equitable** fair; impartial; OP. inequitable

□ **equity** fairness; justice; OP. inequity

♠ **equivocal** (of words or statements) ambiguous; intentionally misleading; (of behavior) questionable; OP. unequivocal

♠ **equivocate** use equivocal language to deceive people; lie; mislead; attempt to conceal the truth; N. equivocation

□ **erode** eat away; wear away gradually by abrasion; Ex. The sea erodes the rocks.

□ **erotic** pertaining to passionate love or sexual love

♠ **errant** wandering (esp. in search of adventure); straying from proper moral standards; Ex. knight-errant

♠ **erratic** odd; irregular in movement or behavior; unpredictable

□ **erroneous** mistaken; wrong; incorrect

□ **erudite** (of a person or book) learned; full of learning; scholarly; N. erudition

♡ **scholarly** full of learning; erudite; like a scholar; Ex. scholarly journal

□ **escapade** prank; flighty conduct; reckless adventure that disobeys rules

♡ **prank** mischievous trick

♡ **flighty** (esp. of a woman's behavior) capricious; often changing, esp. from one lover to another; impulsive

- ♠ **eschew** avoid habitually; Ex. eschew alcoholic drinks
- ♠ **esoteric** hard to understand; known only to the chosen few, esp. initiates; N. esoterica
- **espionage** spying
- ♠ **espouse** adopt; support (an idea or aim); marry; N. espousal
- **esteem** respect; value; judge; N.
- ♡ **estimable** (of a person) worthy of esteem; admirable; deserving esteem; possible to estimate
- ♡ **inestimable** impossible to estimate; (apprec) invaluable; of immeasurable worth
- **estranged** separated; alienated; V. estrange: alienate (people in a family); N. estrangement
- ♠ **ethereal** like a spirit or fairy; unearthly light; heavenly; unusually refined; Ex. She has an ethereal beauty; CF. ether: upper air
- ♡ **airy** of air; high in the air; lofty; immaterial; unreal
- ♠ **ethnic** relating to races
- ♠ **ethnology** study of humankind; study of the different races of human beings; CF. anthropology
- ♠ **ethos** underlying character of a culture, group, etc.; character or ideas peculiar to a specific person, group, or culture; Ex. the company ethos
- **etymology** study of word parts; study of the origins of words
- **eugenic** pertaining to the improvement of race; N. eugenics: study of hereditary improvement of the human race
- **eulogistic** praising; full of eulogy

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- ♠ **eulogy** expression of praise, often on the occasion of someone's death; V. eulogize
- **euphemism** mild expression in place of an unpleasant one; ADJ. euphemistic
- **euphony** sweet sound; ADJ. euphonious
- ♠ **euphoria** feeling of exaggerated or unfounded(ungrounded; baseless) well-being; feeling of great happiness or well-being (when unreasonable); ADJ. euphoric
- **euthanasia** mercy killing
- **evanescent** fleeting; vanishing; soon disappearing; V. evanesce
- ♠ **evasive** not frank; trying to hide the truth; eluding; evading; V. evade: avoid (a duty or responsibility) or escape from by deceit
- **evince** show clearly
- ♠ **evenhanded** impartial; fair
- **evocative** tending to call up (emotions, memories)
- **evoke** call forth (memory or feeling); Ex. That old film evoked memories of my childhood; N. evocation
- ♠ **ewe** female sheep

- ♡ **ram** male sheep; V. strike or drive against with a heavy impact
- **exacerbate** worsen; aggravate; embitter
- ♡ **embitter** make bitter; fill with painful or bitter feelings; make sad and angry; Ex. He was embittered by many disappointments.
- **exacting** extremely demanding; Ex. exacting standard of safety
- ♡ **exact** demand and obtain by force; Ex. exact a promise from him; N. exaction
- **exalt** raise in rank or dignity; praise highly; inspire; Ex. exalt the imagination; ADJ. exalted; N. exaltation
- ♠ **exasperate** vex; annoy or make angry (by testing the patience)
- ♠ **exceptionable** objectionable; likely to cause dislike; offensive; CF. unexceptionable: entirely acceptable
- ♡ **except** exclude; N. exception: objection; exclusion; ADJ. exceptional: unusual; of unusually high quality
- ♠ **excerpt** selected passage (written or musical) taken from a longer work; V.
- ♠ **exchequer** treasury; Ex. Chancellor of the exchequer
- ♡ **chancellor** legal official of high rank; CF. chancellery(chancellory): position of a chancellor
- ♡ **treasure** keep as precious; cherish
- **excise** cut away; cut out; N: government tax on good produced and used inside a country; N. excision
- **exclaim** cry out suddenly; N. exclamation; ADJ. exclamatory
- ♠ **excoriate** scold with biting harshness; censure strongly; strip the skin off
- **exculpate** clear from blame or guilt
- ♠ **execrable** very bad; detestable
- **execrate** curse; express abhorrence for; detest
- **execute** put into effect; carry out; kill as a lawful punishment; N. execution
- ♡ **executor** person designated to execute the terms of a will;
- ♡ **executioner** person administering capital punishment
- ♡ **executive** person having administrative authority; one branch of government executing laws; ADJ: relating to executing
- ♡ **legislature** legislating branch of government; CF. legislate: make laws
- ♡ **judiciary** judicial branch of government
- ♠ **exegesis** explanation, especially of biblical(of the bible) passages
- **exemplary** serving as a model; outstanding; Ex. exemplary punishment/behavior; N. exemplar: typical example; model

- **exemplify** show by example; furnish an example; serve as an example of; Ex. His pictures exemplify that sort of painting.
- **exempt** not subject to a duty or obligation; free from a duty; V.
- **exertion** effort; expenditure of much physical work; V. exert oneself: make a great effort
- ♡ **exhale** breathe out; OP. inhale
- **exhilarating** invigorating and refreshing; cheering; V. exhilarate: make cheerful and excited; Ex. exhilarated by the ride in the sports car
- ♠ **exhort** urge (by strong argument or advice); Ex. The general exhorted his men to fight bravely; N. exhortation
- ♡ **urge** drive or force forward (by causing impulses); drive to take action; impel; entreat earnestly; Ex. urge horses; N: impulse that prompts action
- ♡ **urgent** compelling immediate action; pressing; persistent; importunate; Ex. urgent in his demands
- **exhume** dig out of the ground; remove from a grave
- ♡ **coroner** public official who investigates any death thought to be of other than natural causes
- **exigency** urgent situation; ADJ. exigent
- **exiguous** small in amount; minute
- ♠ **existential** pertaining to existence; pertaining to the philosophy of existentialism
- **exodus** departure (of a large number of people)
- **exonerate** acquit; exculpate; free from blame or guilt
- **exorbitant** (of costs or demands) excessive; exceeding reasonable bounds
- **exorcise** drive out evil spirits
- **exotic** not native; from another part of the world; strange; intriguingly unusual; Ex. exotic flower/dress
- ♡ **intrigue** make secret plans; plot; arouse the curiosity of; N: secret scheme; plot; secret love affair
- ♠ **expansive** (of a person) outgoing and sociable; broad and extensive; able to increase in size
- ♡ **outgoing** sociable; eager to mix socially with others
- ♠ **expatriate** talk at length; speak or write in detail
- **expatriate** exile; someone who has withdrawn from his native land; V: exile; banish; leave one's country
- **expedient** suitable (for a particular purpose although not necessarily morally correct); practical; politic(prudent); N: something expedient
- **expedite** hasten; make go faster
- ♡ **expeditious** done with speed; quick; N. expedition
- **expenditure** payment or expense; expending; something expended; output; Ex. receipt for the expenditure; Ex. expenditure of all the energy
- **expertise** specialized knowledge (in a particular field); expert skill
- **expiate** make amends for (a sin)
- ♠ **expletive** meaningless word; interjection; profane oath; swear-word
- ♡ **interjection** exclamation; Ex. "Ouch"
- ♡ **swear** vow; promise; use profane oaths; use offensive words
- ♡ **swear-word** word considered offensive; Ex. "bloody"
- ♡ **oath** solemn promise; blasphemous use of sacred words to express strong feelings; swear-word; Ex. "For Christ's sake"
- **explicate** explain in detail; interpret; clarify; CF. explicable
- **explicit** totally clear; definite; outspoken
- **exploit** brave and successful act; deed or action, particularly a brave deed; CF. crossing the Atlantic ocean
- **exploit** make use of, sometimes unjustly; N. exploitation
- **expository** explanatory; serving to explain; N. exposition: explaining; exhibition
- ♠ **expostulation** protest; remonstrance; reasoning with someone to correct or dissuade; V. expostulate
- **exposure** risk, particularly of being exposed to disease or to the elements; unmasking; act of laying something open; Ex. exposure of governmental corruption
- **expound** explain
- ♠ **expropriate** take possession of (often for public use and without payment)
- ♠ **expunge** cancel; remove a word or name (from a book or list); erase
- **expurgate** clean; remove offensive parts of a book
- **extant** (of something written or painted) still in existence
- **extemporaneous** not planned; impromptu; extempore
- ♠ **extenuate** weaken; mitigate; lessen the seriousness of (bad behavior)
- **extirpate** root up; uproot; destroy completely
- ♠ **extol** praise very highly; glorify
- **extort** wring from; get money by threats, etc.; obtain by force or threats; CF. extortation: exorbitant
- ♡ **wring** twist (to extract liquid); extract by twisting; wrench painfully (necks or hands)
- ♠ **extradition** surrender of prisoner by one state to another; Ex. extradition treaty; V. extradite
- ♠ **extraneous** not essential; irrelevant; superfluous; external; coming from the outside; Ex. extraneous details/noise/to the subject
- ♠ **extrapolation** projection; conjecture; V. extrapolate: infer (unknown information) from known information
- **extricate** free from an entanglement or difficulty; disentangle
- ♡ **inextricable** from which it is impossible to get free; that cannot be untied; Ex. inextricable troubles; Ex. inextricable two histories

□ **extrinsic** external; not essential or inherent; extraneous; OP. intrinsic

□ **extrovert** person interested mostly in external objects and actions

♡ **mingle** mix together in close association

♠ **extrude** force or push out; thrust out; shape (plastic or metal) by forcing through a die

♠ **exuberance** overflowing abundance; joyful enthusiasm; flamboyance; lavishness; ADJ. exuberant: high-spirited and lively; growing abundantly and strongly

♡ **glow** shine brightly without a flame (as of eyes or metals); show redness and heat (in the face) after hard work or because of strong feelings; N: light produced by a heated body; brilliance of a color

♠ **exude** flow out slowly; discharge (gradually); give forth; N. exudation

♡ **ooze** (of a thick liquid) pass or flow slowly; N: mud or thick liquid as at the bottom of a river

□ **exult** rejoice

□ **fabricate** build; lie; make up (a story) in order to deceive; Ex. fabricate the whole story; CF. fabric: underlying structure; Ex. fabric of society

♠ **façade(façade)** front or face (of building); superficial or false appearance

□ **facet** small plane surface (of a gem(precious stone)); a side

♠ **facetious** joking (often inappropriately); unserious; humorous

♠ **facile** easily accomplished; ready or fluent; superficial; not deep; Ex. facile solution to a complex problem; Ex. facile speaker; N. facility: ability to do something easily and well; ease in doing resulting from skill or aptitude; something that facilitates an action; amenity; Ex. with great facility

□ **facilitate** help bring about; make less difficult

□ **facsimile** copy

♠ **faction** party; clique (within a large group); dissension

♡ **dissension** disagreement of opinions causing strife within a group

♠ **factious** inclined to form factions; causing dissension

♠ **factitious** artificial; produced artificially; sham; false; Ex. factitious tears

♠ **factotum** handyman; person who does all kinds of work; CF. do everything

□ **faculty** mental or bodily powers; teaching staff

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□ **fallacious** false; based on a fallacy; misleading; N. fallacy: false idea or notion; false reasoning; Ex. popular fallacy; Ex. fallacy of the argument

□ **fallible** liable to err

♡ **falsify** make (something written) false by changing

♠ **fallow** (of land) plowed but not sowed (to improve the quality); uncultivated

♡ **sow** plant or scatter seed

♠ **falter** hesitate; weaken in purpose or action; walk or move unsteadily through weakness; N.

♡ **stumble** trip and almost fall; proceed unsteadily; act falteringly; N.

□ **fanaticism** excessive zeal; extreme devotion to a belief or cause; N. fanatic; ADJ. fanatic

□ **fancied** imagined; unreal

♠ **fancier** breeder or dealer of animals; one who has a special interest, as for raising specific plant or animal

♠ **fanciful** whimsical; visionary; imaginary; produced by imagination; Ex. fanciful scheme

♡ **fancy** imagination (of a whimsical or fantastic nature); capricious liking; V: imagine; be fond of; ADJ. decorative; elaborate

♠ **fanfare** call by bugles or trumpets; showy display; spectacular public display

♠ **farce** broad comedy; mockery; humorous play full of silly things happening; ADJ. farcical

♠ **fastidious** difficult to please; squeamish; fussy; finicky

♡ **squeamish** easily shocked or sickened by unpleasant things; fastidious; Ex. A nurse should not be squeamish.

♠ **fatalism** belief that events are determined by forces or fates beyond one's control; ADJ. fatalistic; CF. fatal: causing death

□ **fathom** comprehend; investigate; determine the depth of; N. unit of measurement for the depth of water

♡ **fathomless** too deep to be measured or understood; unfathomable

♠ **fatuous** smugly and unconsciously foolish; inane; silly; N. fatuity, fatuousness

□ **fauna** animals of a period or region; CF. flora

♠ **fawning** courting favor by cringing and flattering; V. fawn: exhibit affection as a dog; seek favor or attention by obsequiousness

♡ **court** attempt to gain; seek; woo; risk; behave so as to invite; attempt to gain the favor of by attention; Ex. court disaster

♠ **faze** disconcert; dismay; embarrass

□ **feasible** practical; able to be carried out; practicable

♠ **febrile** feverish

♠ **fecundity** fertility; fruitfulness; ADJ. fecund: very productive of crops or young

♡ **fertile** producing many young, fruits, or seeds; (of land) producing good crops; V. fertilize

♡ **fruitful** producing results; profitable; prolific; producing in abundance

□ **feign** pretend

♠ **feint** trick; shift; sham blow; feigned attack to draw away defensive action; V.

♡ **shift** change position or place; exchange (one thing) for another; change in direction or position; Ex. shift the stolen goods; N. group of workers which takes turns with other groups; working period of such a group

♠ **felicitous** (of a word or remark) apt; suitably expressed; well chosen

♠ **felicity** happiness; appropriateness (of a remark, choice, etc.); quality of being felicitous

♡ **feline** of a member of the cat family; N.

♠ **fell** cruel; (of a disease) deadly

♠ **fell** cut or knock down (a tree or a person); bring down (with a missile)

□ **felon** person convicted of a grave crime; CF. felony: serious crime

♠ **feral** (of an animal) not domestic; wild

♠ **ferment** agitation; commotion (noisy and excited activity); unrest (of a political kind); V. produce by fermentation; undergo fermentation; cause (a state of trouble)

♡ **fermentation** chemical reaction that splits complex organic compounds; unrest; agitation

♠ **ferret** drive or hunt out of hiding; hunt with ferrets; drive out (as from a hiding place); expel; uncover or discover by searching; Ex. ferret out the secret; N. small fierce animal which catches rats and rabbits by going into their holes

♠ **fervent** ardent; zealous; hot

♠ **fervid** ardent; zealous; hot

♡ **impassioned** (of speech) filled with passion; fervent

♠ **fervor** glowing ardor; intensity of feeling; quality of being fervent or fervid; zeal; intense heat

♠ **fester** rankle; produce irritation or resentment; (of a cut or wound) generate pus or rot; Ex. His insult festered in my mind for days.

□ **festive** joyous; celebratory; relating to a feast or festival

♠ **fete(fête)** honor at a festival; celebrate or honor with a feast; N. (outdoor) festival or feast; CF. feast

♠ **fetid(foetid)** malodorous; foul

♡ **foul** very bad or disagreeable; very dirty; Ex. foul smell/flavor/temper/language/air/deed/weather/means; N. act against the rules; V. make or become foul; commit a foul

♡ **fetish(fetich)** object believed to have spiritual powers; object of excessive attention or reverence; CF. fetishism

♠ **fetter** shackle; restrict the freedom of; N. chain or shackle for the foot of a prisoner; CF. foot

♠ **fiasco** total failure; CF. bottle

♠ **fiat** command; arbitrary order; Ex. presidential fiat; CF. let it be done

□ **fickle** changeable (in affections or friendship); faithless

♠ **fictitious** imaginary; non-existent; purposely invented to deceive; untrue; Ex. fictitious name/boyfriend; CF. fictional

□ **fidelity** loyalty; accuracy

♠ **figment** invention; something invented; imaginary thing; Ex. figment of your imagination

□ **figurative** not literal but metaphorical; using a figure(impression) of speech

♡ **figure** written symbols; number; amount represented in numbers; outline or silhouette of a thing or human body; person (well-known); impression; diagram; pattern; group in a dance; Ex. figure of speech; V. calculate with numbers; adorn with figures; appear; consider; Ex. My name did not figure in the list.

♠ **figurine** small ornamental statuette(very small statue)

♠ **filch** steal (things of small value)

♡ **pilfer** steal things of small value; filch; snitch

♠ **filial** pertaining to or befitting a son or daughter; Ex. filial respect

♠ **filibuster** block legislation or prevent action in a lawmaking body by making very slow long speeches; N; freebooter

♡ **freebooter** pirate or plunderer who makes war in order to grow rich

♡ **bust** piece of sculpture showing a person's head, shoulders, and upper chest; V: break up; arrest; Ex. crimebuster

♠ **filigree** delicate ornamental lacelike metalwork

♡ **lace** cord used to draw and tie together two opposite edges (as of a shoe); delicate fabric made of fine threads; V: draw together by tying a lace

♠ **filings** particle removed by a file

□ **finale** conclusion; concluding part

♠ **finesse** delicate skill; V: handle with finesse

♠ **finicky** too particular; fussy; difficult to please; too concerned with unimportant details or quality; Ex. finicky about her food

♡ **fussy** fastidious; finicky; easily upset

♡ **fuss:** trouble or worry over trifles; make nervous; pay too much attention to; N: needless concern or worry (about a trivial thing); anxious nervous condition; display of attention; Ex. make a fuss over the baby

□ **finite** limited

♠ **firebrand** piece of burning wood; hothead; troublemaker; person who stirs up trouble

♡ **hothead** person who does things too quickly without thinking; ADJ. hotheaded

□ **fissure** crevice; crack

♠ **fitful** spasmodic; intermittent; irregular

♡ **fit** sudden outburst of an illness or feeling; convulsion caused by epilepsy

♠ **flaccid** flabby; lacking firmness; weak; Ex. flaccid muscles

♡ **limp** walk lamely; ADJ: lacking firmness; weak

♠ **flag** droop; grow feeble; decline in vigor or strength; ADJ. flagging; CF. unflagging

♡ **droop** bend or hang downward; become weakened; Ex. His shoulders drooped with tiredness; N.

□ **flagrant** conspicuously wicked, bad, or offensive; blatant; outrageous

□ **outrage** act of extreme violence or viciousness; resentful anger; V: commit an outrage on; produce anger in; ADJ. outrageous: offensive

♠ **flail** beat with or as if with a flail; move wildly; thresh grain by hand; strike or slap; toss about; N: threshing tool consisting of a stick swinging from the end of a long handle

♡ **thresh** beat (cereal plants) with a machine or flail to separate the grains from the straw

♡ **toss** throw lightly; move or lift (the head) with a sudden motion; flip (a coin) to decide something

♠ **flair** talent

♠ **flamboyant** ornate; highly elaborate; richly colored; ostentatious; showy; CF. flame

♠ **flaunt** display ostentatiously; Ex. "Honey, if you've got it, flaunt it!"

♠ **flay** strip off skin; plunder; remove the skin from; criticize harshly

♠ **fleck** spot; mark with flecks; N: small mark or spot

♠ **fledgling(fledgeling)** inexperienced; N: young bird that has acquired wing feathers and is learning to fly; inexperienced person

♠ **fleece** wool coat of a sheep; V: shear the fleece from; rob by a trick; swindle; plunder

♡ **shear** remove (fleece or hair) by cutting; remove the hair or fleece from; cut with or as if with shears; N: shears; pair of scissors

♡ **trickster** person who cheats people

♠ **flick** light stroke as with a whip; V: move with a light quick blow; strike with a light quick blow (as from a whip); Ex. flick the switch

♡ **flicker** burn unsteadily or fitfully; move waveringly; N: flickering movement or light; brief sensation; Ex. flicker of excitement

♡ **flutter** (of a bird with large wings) wave (the wings) lightly, rapidly, and irregularly; vibrate rapidly or erratically; fly by waving quickly; flitter; N.

♠ **flinch** hesitate; shrink back (in fear of something unpleasant); Ex. She did not flinch in the face of danger.

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♠ **flippant** lacking proper seriousness; Ex. flippant remarks about death; N. flippancy

♡ **flip** send (something) spinning, often into the air, by striking with a light quick blow; turn over; Ex. flip over

♠ **flit** fly; fly or move lightly or quickly; dart lightly; pass swiftly by; Ex. a bee flitting from flower to flower

♠ **floe** flat mass of floating ice

□ **flora** plants of a region or era

♡ **florescence** condition or period of flowering

♠ **florid** ruddy; (of a complexion) reddish; flowery; very ornate; CF. rose

♡ **flush** redden; blush; flow suddenly and abundantly; wash out by a rapid brief flow of water; N: reddish tinge; blush; brief rush; rush of strong feeling; Ex. flush of pride; ADJ: having surfaces in the same plane; even; blushing

♡ **blush** become red in the face (from embarrassment or shame); become red or rosy; N.

♡ **tinge** give a slight degree of a color or quality to; N: slight degree of a color or quality; Ex. tinged with grey/jealousy

♡ **tint** slight degree of color; V: give a tint to

♡ **flowery** full of flowers; full of ornate expressions

♠ **flotsam** drifting wreckage

♡ **jetsam** things thrown from a ship (to lighten the ship)

♠ **flounder** struggle and thrash about; proceed clumsily or falter (as in water, mud, snow, etc.); proceed in confusion

♡ **thrash** beat with a whip or flail; defeat utterly; talk about thoroughly in order to find the answer; move wildly or violently; Ex. The fishes thrashed about in the net.

□ **flourish** grow well; prosper; make sweeping gestures; wave; brandish; Ex. The trees flourished in the sun. N: showy movement or gesture; embellishment or ornamentation (esp. in handwriting)

♠ **flout** reject; mock; show contempt for; scorn; Ex. flout the rules

♡ **curb** chain or strap used with a bit to restrain a horse; something that checks; V: check; restrain

□ **fluctuate** waver; shift; rise and fall as if in waves; change or vary irregularly

□ **fluency** smoothness of speech; ADJ. fluent

♠ **fluke** unlikely occurrence; stroke of fortune; accidental stroke of good luck; ADJ. fluky

♠ **fluster** confuse; make nervous and confused; N.

♠ **fluted** having vertical parallel grooves (as in a pillar); V. flute: make long parallel inward curves in; N. flute: long rounded groove incised on the shaft of a column

♡ **groove** long narrow channel made in a surface to guide the movement of something; Ex. groove of the record

♡ **stammer** speak with involuntarily pauses or repetitions

♠ **flux** flowing; series of changes; fluctuation; Ex. in a state of flux

♠ **fodder** coarse food for cattle, horses, etc.; feed for livestock; CF. food

♠ **foible** small weakness of character; slight fault; CF. feeble

♠ **foil** contrast; one that by contrast enhances the distinctive characteristics of another

♠ **foil** defeat; frustrate; prevent from being successful; thwart; CF. fail

♠ **foist** insert improperly; impose upon another by coercion; palm off; pass off as genuine or worthy; CF. fist

♡ **palm** conceal in the palm of the hand; palm off: pass off; Ex. palm off some bad oranges onto the lady/the painting as a real Renoir

♡ **pass off** present falsely; represent falsely to be

♠ **foliage** masses of leaves; CF. defoliate

♠ **foment** stir up; incite; instigate; promote the growth of (something evil or unpleasant)

♠ **foolhardy** rash; reckless; foolishly daring

♠ **foppish** vain about dress and appearance; N. fop: man who takes too much interest in his clothes and appearance

♠ **foray** raid; sudden raid or military advance; V.

♠ **forbearance** patience; forgiveness; V. forbear: refrain from (in a generous and forgiving way); be patient; Ex. forbear to send him to prison

♠ **ford** place where a river can be crossed on foot; V.

♠ **forebears(forbears)** ancestors

□ **foreboding** premonition of evil; feeling of coming evil; V. forebode: be a warning of (something unpleasant)

♠ **forensic** suitable to debate or courts of law; of or used in legal proceedings and the tracking of criminals; Ex. forensic science/medicine

♡ **forum** public square of an ancient Roman city; public place for open discussion; court of law

□ **foreshadow** give an indication beforehand; be a sign of (what is coming); portend; prefigure

♡ **prefigure** be a sign of; foreshadow

♡ **forerunner** predecessor; one that comes before and indicates the approach of another

□ **foresight** ability to foresee future happenings; prudence in providing for the future

□ **forestall** prevent by taking action in advance

♡ **nuptial** of marriage or the wedding ceremony; N; nuptials; wedding ceremony

♡ **forfeit** something surrendered as punishment for a crime or breach of contract; V: lose as a forfeit; N. forfeiture

♡ **forge** counterfeit; reproduce fraudulently; form by heating in a forge and hammering into shape; move with a sudden increase of speed or power; Ex. forged ahead in the last two years; N: furnace where metals are heated

□ **forgo(foriego)** give up; do without

□ **forlorn** sad and lonely; wretched; desolate

□ **formality** ceremonious quality; ceremonious adherence to rules; something done just for form's sake; Ex. mere formality

□ **formidable** menacing; arousing fear; threatening; difficult to defeat; Ex. formidable foe/question

♡ **menace** threat; V: threaten

♠ **forsake** desert; abandon; renounce

♠ **forswear** renounce under oath; abandon; make a solemn promise to give up; CF. abjure

□ **forte** strong point or special talent in a person's character

♠ **forthright** straightforward; direct; frank

♡ **forthcoming** happening in the near future; ready; willing to help; Ex. No answer was forthcoming.

□ **fortitude** bravery; courage; strength of mind

♠ **fortuitous** accidental; by chance; N. fortuity

♠ **foster** rear; bring up (for a certain period only); encourage; promote the development of (feelings or ideas); Ex. help foster friendly relations; ADJ: giving parental care although not related by blood; Ex. foster parents

♠ **founder** fail completely; sink; CF. flounder

□ **founder** person who establishes (an organization or business)

♠ **fracas** brawl(noisy quarrel or fight) in which a number of people take part; melee

♠ **fractious** unruly; peevish; cranky; bad-tempered; Ex. fractious horse

□ **frail** weak; N. frailty

□ **franchise** right or privilege granted by authority; right to vote; license to sell a product in a particular territory

♠ **frantic** wild; distraught as from fear or worry; Ex. frantic with fear

□ **fraudulent** cheating; deceitful; Ex. fraudulent means; N. fraud: deception; swindle

♠ **fraught** filled (with something unpleasant); full; Ex. fraught with danger and difficulties; CF. freight

♠ **fray** brawl; fight; V: wear away or unravel by rubbing; have loose threads developing; cause to become worn out (a person's temper or nerves); CF. rub

♠ **frenetic(phrenetic)** frenzied; frantic

♠ **frenzied** madly excited; N. frenzy: violent wild excitement

♠ **fresco** painting on wet plaster (usually fresh)

♡ **paste** smooth viscous mixture as of flour(powder made by crushing grain) and water (used as an adhesive); V: cause to adhere by applying paste

♡ **pastry** paste of flour and water (eaten when baked)

♡ **plaster** paste that hardens to a smooth solid and is used for coating walls; V.

♠ **fret** be annoyed or vexed; Ex. fret over your poor grades; N: irritation of mind; ADJ. fretful

□ **friction** clash or conflict in opinion; rubbing against

♠ **frieze** ornamental horizontal band on a wall

□ **frigid** intensely cold; cold in manner; Ex. frigid zone

♠ **fritter** waste (time or money on unimportant things)

□ **frivolous** lacking in seriousness; flippant; self-indulgently carefree; unworthy of serious attention; relatively unimportant; trivial

♡ **self-indulgence** excessive indulgence of one's own desire

♡ **carefree** free from worries; having no problems

♠ **frolicsome** prankish; gay; playful; merry; frisky

♡ **frolic** play and jump about happily; frisk; Ex. frolicking young lambs

♠ **frond** fern leaf; palm or banana leaf

♡ **litter** waste material thrown away (as bits of paper scattered untidily); V: cover untidily with scattered litter

♠ **fructify** bear fruit; produce fruit

□ **frugality** thrift; economy; ADJ. frugal: practicing economy; costing little; inexpensive

□ **fruition** bearing of fruit; fulfillment; realization; Ex. come to/be brought to fruition

□ **frustrate** thwart; defeat; prevent from accomplishing a purpose

□ **fugitive** fleeting or transitory; lasting only a short time; roving(wandering); running away or fleeing as from the law; N: one who flees; Ex. fugitives at large

♠ **fulcrum** support on which a lever rests or pivots

♠ **fulminate** thunder; explode; issue a severe denunciation

♠ **fulsome** disgustingly excessive; offensively flattering; Ex. fulsome praise/expressions of admire

□ **fumble** move the fingers and hands awkwardly (in search of something); mishandle or drop a ball that is in play; bungle; botch; spoil by mishandling; N.

♠ **functionary** official (who performs a particular function)

♡ **functional** made for practical use only (without decoration); functioning; Ex. functional modern furniture; CF. functionalism

□ **fundamental** basic; primary; essential

♠ **funereal** sad; solemn; suitable for a funeral

♠ **furor** frenzy; great anger and excitement; CF. fury

♠ **furtive** stealthy; quiet and secret (trying to escape notice); sneaky; Ex. furtive glance

♡ **sneak** move, give, or take in a quiet, stealthy way; N: one who sneaks; ADJ. sneaky

♡ **underhand(underhanded)** done slyly and secretly (being dishonest)

♡ **sly** clever in deceiving; secretive; not telling one's intentions

♠ **fusillade** simultaneous firing or outburst (of missiles, questions, etc.)

□ **fusion** union; coalition; V. fuse

□ **futile** useless; hopeless; ineffectual

♠ **gadfly** animal-biting fly; irritating person

♠ **gaffe** social blunder

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♠ **gainsay** deny

♠ **gait** manner of walking or running; speed

□ **galaxy** large isolated system of stars, such as the Milky Way; collection of brilliant personalities

□ **gale** windstorm; gust of wind; emotional outburst (laughter, tears); Ex. gale of laughter

♠ **gall** bitterness of feeling; nerve; effrontery; (bile); CF. gall bladder

♠ **gall** annoy; exasperate; chafe; N: skin sore caused by rubbing (as on the skin of a horse); exasperation

□ **galleon** large three-masted sailing ship

♡ **galley** low ship with sails (rowed along by slaves)

♡ **clipper** sailing vessel built for great speed

♡ **pinnace** small boat

♡ **clip** cut off with shears; fasten; N: something clipped off (as a short extract from film); clasp or fastener

♠ **galvanize** stimulate or shock by an electric current; stimulate by shock; shock into action; stir up; coat with rust-resistant zinc by using electricity

♡ **galvanic** of the production of electricity by the action of an acid on a metal; having the effect of an electric shock; Ex. galvanic cell; galvanic effect; CF. Luigi Galvani

♠ **gambit** opening in chess in which a piece is sacrificed; action made to produce a future advantage

♡ **ploy** strategem to gain an advantage; tactic; Ex. management ploy

♠ **gambol** romp; skip about; leap about playfully; frolic; N.

♡ **romp** play or frolic boisterously; gambol; N.

♡ **zest** outer skin of an orange used for giving a special taste to food; spice; interest; flavor; spirited enjoyment; Ex. add a certain zest to the affair; Ex. zest for life

♠ **gamely** in a spirited manner; with courage; Ex. fight gamely against a superior boxer; ADJ. game

♠ **gamut** entire range

♠ **gape** open widely; open the mouth wide; stare wonderingly with the mouth open; CF. agape

♠ **garbled** mixed up; jumbled; distorted; V. garble: mix up or distort (a message) to such an extent as to make misleading or unintelligible

♡ **jumble** mix in a confused way

♠ **gargantuan** huge; enormous; gigantic; CF. the hero of Gargantua and Pantagruel

□ **gargoyle** waterspout carved in grotesque figures on a building

♠ **garish** overbright in color; unpleasantly bright; gaudy

♡ **trim** make neat or tidy by clipping; reduce by removing what is unnecessary; ornament; decorate (round the edges); Ex. trim the cost; Ex. jacket trimmed with fur; N. ADJ: tidy; in good order

♠ **garner** gather; store up; amass

♠ **garnish** decorate; add a garnish to; decorate (food or drink) with small items such as lemon slices; N.

♠ **garrulous** loquacious; wordy; talkative; N. garrulity

♠ **gastronomy** art and science of preparing and serving good food; CF. gastronome

□ **gauche** clumsy (in social behavior); coarse and uncouth

♠ **gaudy** flashy; showy

♡ **flashy** showy; gaudy; giving a momentary brilliance

♡ **gild** cover with a thin layer of gold

♠ **gaunt** lean and angular; thin and bony; emaciated; barren

♠ **gavel** hammerlike tool; mallet (wooden hammer) used by a presiding officer or an auctioneer; V.

♡ **bid** command; utter (a greeting); offer as a price; N: offer of a price; amount offered; earnest effort to gain something; Ex. bid for freedom

♠ **gawk** stare foolishly; look in open-mouthed awe

♠ **gazette** official periodical publication; newspaper

□ **genealogy** record of descent; lineage; ancestry; study of ancestry

□ **generality** vague statement; general statement which is not detailed; quality of being general; greater part; most; Ex. generality of people

□ **generate** cause; produce; create

□ **generic** characteristic of an entire class or species; of a genus

♡ **genus** division of animals or plants, below a family and above a species

□ **genesis** beginning; origin

♠ **geniality** cheerfulness; kindness; sympathy; ADJ. genial: cheerful and good-tempered

□ **genre** particular variety of art or literature

♠ **genteel** well-bred; elegant; striving to convey an appearance of refinement; Ex. genteel poverty

♠ **gentility** those of gentle birth; high social class; refinement; quality of being genteel

♡ **breed** produce young; rear; bring up; produce (an undesirable condition); N: kind or sort of animal or plant

♡ **crossbreed** hybridize; N: hybrid; CF. interbreed; CF. inbreed

♡ **well-bred** of good upbringing; well-mannered and refined

♠ **gentry** people of standing (rank or position); people of good family or high social position; class of people just below nobility

♡ **gentle** kindly; soft; mild; of good family

♠ **genuflect** bend the knee as in worship

□ **germane** pertinent; bearing upon (having connection with) the case at hand; appropriate

♠ **germinal** pertaining to a germ; creative; Ex. germinal idea

♡ **germ** earliest form of an organism; seed or bud; something that may develop into something larger or more important; microbe

□ **germinate** cause to sprout; sprout

♡ **sprout** begin to grow; give off shoots or buds; N: new growth on a plant; shoot

♡ **shoot** new growth from a plant

□ **gerontocracy** government ruled by old people

♡ **gerontology** study of the sociological phenomena associated with old age

♡ **geriatrics** medical treatment and care of old age

♠ **gerrymander** change voting district lines in order to favor a political party; N. CF. Elbridge Gerry + (sala)mander

♠ **gestate** evolve as in prenatal growth; N. gestation: period of development from conception until birth

♡ **natal** connected with birth; CF. prenatal; CF. postnatal

♠ **gesticulation** motion; gesture; V. gesticulate: make gestures (while speaking)

♠ **ghastly** horrible; terrifying; resembling ghosts; CF. aghast

♠ **gibberish** nonsense; nonsensical or unintelligible talk or writing; babbling

♠ **gibe** mock; make jeering remarks; N: jeering remarks

♠ **giddy** light-hearted; not serious; frivolous; dizzy; causing dizziness; Ex. giddy youth; Ex. giddy climb/height

♠ **gingerly** very carefully; ADJ.

♠ **girth** distance around something; circumference

♠ **gist** essence; main point; substance

□ **glacial** like a glacier; of an ice age; extremely cold; Ex. glacial epoch; CF. iceberg

♠ **glaring** (of something bad) highly conspicuous; harshly bright; shining intensely and blindingly

♡ **glare** shine intensely and blindingly; stare fixedly and angrily; N.

♠ **glaze** cover with a thin and shiny surface; apply a glaze to; N: thin, smooth, shiny coating (as for pottery); Ex. unglazed pottery

♠ **glean** gather leavings; gather grain left behind by reapers; gather bit by bit (facts or information) often with difficulty

□ **glib** fluent (with insincerity or superficiality); facile; slick

♡ **slick** make smooth or glossy; N: smooth surface; Ex. oil slick; ADJ: smooth; glossy; deftly executed; adroit; glib

♡ **sleek** smooth and shining (as from good health); V.

♠ **glimmer** shine erratically; twinkle; N: dim or unsteady light; faint indication; Ex. glimmer of hope

♡ **glitter** shine brightly with flashing points of light; Ex. glittering diamond ring; N: sparkling light; attractiveness; glamor; Ex. glitter of the sun on the waves

♡ **glamor** compelling charm; ADJ. glamorous

♠ **gloat** express evil satisfaction; look at or think about with evil satisfaction; view malevolently; Ex. The thief gloated over the stolen jewels.

♠ **gloss over** explain away with the intention of deceiving or hiding faults

♡ **gloss** brief explanation note or translation of a difficult expression; V.

□ **glossary** brief explanation of words used in the text

♠ **glossy** smooth and shining; N. gloss: shiny brightness on a surface; superficially attractive appearance; Ex. gloss of good manners

♡ **mat** not shiny; matte; having a dull finish; N: flat piece of material used as a floor covering; V.

♡ **finish** surface texture; completeness of execution

♡ **finished** properly made and complete; Ex. finished product/performance

♠ **glower** scowl; glare; look or stare angrily

♡ **scowl** frown angrily; N: angry frown

♠ **glut** overstock; fill beyond capacity (with food); fill to excess; N: oversupply

♠ **glutinous** sticky; viscous; gluey

□ **glutton** someone who eats too much; ADJ. gluttonous: given to gluttony; greedy; CF. gluttony: habit of eating too much

♠ **gnarled** twisted

♡ **gnarl** protruding knot on a tree; V.

□ **gnome** dwarf; underground spirit who guards treasure hoards

□ **goad** urge on; drive with a goad; cause (someone) to do something by continued annoyance; Ex. They goaded him into doing it by saying he was a coward; N: sharp-pointed stick for driving cattle; stimulus; CF. annoy continually

♠ **gorge** narrow canyon; steep rocky cleft; ravine (made by a stream which runs through it)

♠ **gorge** stuff oneself (with food); glut; CF. gorgeous: dazzlingly beautiful

♠ **gory** bloody; N. gore: blood (from a wound)

♡ **shudder** shake uncontrollably; tremble; V.

♠ **gossamer** sheer; very light; like cobwebs; N: soft and sheer fabric; cobweb

♡ **sheer** pure; thin and transparent; very steep

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♠ **gouge** tear out; cut out (as if with a gouge); Ex. gouge his eyes out; N: chisel for cutting out hollow areas in wood

♠ **gouge** overcharge (with high price); extort from; Ex. gouge the public; CF. usury

♠ **gourmand** epicure; person who takes excessive pleasure in food and drink

♠ **gourmet** connoisseur of food and drink; epicure

□ **graduated** arranged by degrees (of height, difficulty, etc.)

♡ **graduate** arrange into categories or grades; divide into marked intervals (for use in measurement); Ex. graduated ruler

♠ **granary** storehouse for grain

□ **grandeur** impressiveness; stateliness; majesty

♡ **stately** formal; ceremonious; grand in style or size; majestic

□ **grandiloquent** (of a person or speech) using high sounding or important-sounding language; pompous; bombastic

□ **grandiose** affectedly grand; pretentious; high-flown; ridiculously exaggerated; impressive; great in size or scope; grand; Ex. grandiose ideas

♡ **high-flown** highly pretentious or inflated

♡ **matinée(matinee)** dramatic or musical performance given in the afternoon

♠ **granulate** form into grains or granules; N. granule: grain or particle

□ **graphic** pertaining to the art of delineating; vividly described

♡ **vivid** (of light or color) bright and distinct; evoking lifelike mental images; Ex. vivid red hair/description

♡ **graphite** black form of carbon used in lead pencils

♠ **grapple** wrestle; come to grips with; take hold of and struggle with; Ex. grapple with the burglar

♠ **grate** make a harsh noise; have an unpleasant effect; shred by rubbing against a rough surface; Ex. grated cheese N: framework of metal bars to hold fuel in a fireplace

□ **gratify** please; satisfy; Ex. gratify a desire

♠ **gratis** free; without charge; ADJ.

□ **gratuitous** given freely; unwarranted; uncalled for; done without good reason; Ex. gratuitous comment

□ **gratuity** tip

□ **gravity** seriousness; ADJ. grave

□ **gregarious** sociable; (of an animal) tending to form a group

□ **grievance** cause of complaint; complaint

♠ **grill** question severely; cook on a grill; broil; N: cooking surface of parallel metal bars

♡ **broil** cook by direct heat; N.

♡ **grim** causing great fear; unrelenting; determined in spite of fear; Ex. grim smile

♠ **grimace** facial distortion to show feeling such as pain, disgust, etc; V.

♠ **grisly** ghastly; horrifying; Ex. grisly remains of the bodies

♡ **groom** man employed to take care of horses; V: make neat and trim; clean and brush (an animal)

□ **grotesque** fantastic; comically hideous; strange and unnatural (causing fear or amusement)

♡ **hideous** repulsive to the sight; ugly; repugnant; Ex. hideous face/scream

♠ **grotto** small cavern

♠ **grouse** complain; fuss; grumble; grouch; N: plump chicken-like game bird

♡ **grumble** complain; mutter discontentedly; grouch; N.

♡ **mutter** utter (complaining words) indistinctly in low tones

♡ **rumble** make or move with a deep rolling sound (as thunder or stomach)

♠ **grovel** crawl or creep on ground; remain prostrate; behave in a servile manner

□ **grudging** unwilling; reluctant; stingy (giving reluctantly)

♠ **gruel** thin liquid porridge

♡ **porridge** soft food made by boiling oatmeal

♡ **oatmeal** crushed oats used for making porridge

♠ **grueling** exhausting; Ex. grueling marathon race

♠ **gruesome** grisly; horrible

♠ **gruff** rough-mannered; (of a voice) rough; hoarse

♡ **grunt** utter a deep guttural sound (as a pig does); N.

♠ **guffaw** boisterous laughter; V.

□ **guile** deceit; duplicity; wiliness; cunning; Ex. persuade her by guile

♡ **cunning** clever in deceiving; sly; N: cleverness in deceiving; deceit

□ **guileless** without deceit

□ **guise** outward appearance; costume; Ex. in a new guise

♠ **gull** trick; deceive; hoodwink; N: person who is easily tricked; dupe

□ **gullible** easily deceived

♠ **gustatory** affecting or relating to the sense of taste

♠ **gusto** eager enjoyment; zest; enthusiasm

□ **gusty** windy

♡ **gust** strong abrupt rush of wind; V. CF. bluster

♠ **guy** cable or chain attached to something that needs to be braced or steadied; CF. guide

♡ **topple** become unsteady and fall down

♡ **overthrow** topple; N.

♡ **overturn** turn over; capsize; topple

♡ **capsize** (of a boat) turn over

□ **gyroscope** apparatus used to maintain balance, ascertain direction, etc.

♠ **habituate** accustom or familiarize; addict

♠ **hackles** hairs on back and neck, especially of a dog; Ex. make someone's hackles rise

♡ **growl** low, guttural, menacing sound (as of a dog)

□ **hackneyed** commonplace; trite

♠ **haggard** wasted away; gaunt; Ex. haggard faces of the rescued miners

♠ **haggle** argue about prices (in an attempt to bargain)

♠ **halcyon** calm; peaceful; Ex. halcyon days

♠ **hale** healthy

♡ **hail** frozen rain drop; V: salute or greet; precipitate hail

♠ **hallowed** blessed; consecrated; Ex. hallowed ground; V. hallow: set apart as holy

□ **hallucination** delusion; false idea; false perception of objects with a compelling sense of their reality; objects so perceived; V. hallucinate; ADJ. hallucinatory

♠ **halting** hesitant; faltering; not fluent; Ex. halting steps/voice; V. halt: proceed or act with uncertainty; falter; hesitate; waver; stop

♡ **waver** move or swing back and forth; be uncertain or unsteady in decision or movement; Ex. wavering between accepting and refusing

□ **hamper** obstruct; prevent the free movement of; N:

♠ **hap** chance; luck

□ **haphazard** random; by chance; happening in an unplanned manner; Ex. haphazard growth of the town

♠ **hapless** unfortunate; luckless

♠ **harangue** long, passionate, and vehement speech; V.

□ **harass** annoy by repeated attacks

□ **harbinger** forerunner (which foreshadows what is to come)

□ **harbor** give protection (by giving food and shelter); provide a refuge for; hide; keep in mind (thoughts or feelings); Ex. harbor a grudge/criminal; N: place of shelter; refuge

♡ **habitat** natural home of a plant or animal; CF. habitation

♠ **hardy** (of people or animals) sturdy; robust; (of plants) able to stand inclement (stormy) weather

♠ **harping** tiresome dwelling on a subject; V. harp: dwell on (think or speak a lot about) tediously

♠ **harrowing** agonizing; distressing; traumatic; V. harrow: break up and level (soil) with a harrow; inflict great distress on; agonize; N: farming machine to break up the earth

□ **harry** harass, annoy, torment (by repeated attacks); raid

□ **hatch** deck opening; lid covering a deck opening; V: emerge from an egg; produce (young) from an egg

♡ **latch** fastening or lock consisting of a movable bar that fits into a notch; V: close with a latch

♡ **notch** V-shaped cut in a surface; V.

□ **haughtiness** pride; arrogance; ADJ. haughty

♡ **haunt** (of a spirit) visit (a place); come to mind continually; visit (a place) regularly; frequent; Ex. haunted house; Ex. haunted by his last words; N: place much frequented

♠ **haven** place of safety; refuge; harbor; Ex. tax haven

♡ **havoc** widespread damage; disorder; chaos

□ **hazardous** dangerous

♡ **hazard** venture; put in danger; risk; Ex. hazard a guess; N: possible source of danger

□ **hazy** slightly obscure; misty; unclear; N. haze: light mist or smoke; confused state of mind

♠ **headlong** hasty; rash; headfirst; ADV.

♡ **headfirst** moving with the head leading; headlong

♠ **headstrong** willful; stubborn; unyielding; determined to have one's own way; CF. no 'excessive'

♠ **heckler** person who verbally harasses others; V. heckle: verbally harass as with gibes (by interrupting a speaker or speech)

□ **hedonist** one who believes that pleasure is the sole aim in life; CF. hedonism: practice of living one's life purely for pleasure

□ **heedless** not noticing; disregarding

♡ **heed** pay attention to; N: close attention

♠ **hegemony** dominance especially of one nation over others

♠ **heinous** atrocious; wicked; hatefully bad; Ex. heinous crime

♡ **gross** total; fragrant; clearly wrong; (of people's behavior) coarse; corpulent; Ex. gross insolence/behavior; V: earn as a total amount; N: 12 dozens

♡ **helm** steering wheel of a ship; position of control

□ **herbivorous** grain-eating; CF. herbivore

□ **heresy** opinion contrary to popular belief; opinion contrary to accepted religion; ADJ. heretical; CF. heretic

♠ **hermetic** sealed by fusion so as to be airtight; airtight

♠ **hermetic** concerning alchemy or magic; obscure and mysterious; occult

♡ **sterile** incapable of producing young; free from microorganism; V. sterilize

♠ **hermitage** home of a hermit

♠ **herpetologist** one who studies reptiles; CF. herpetology: branch of zoology that deals with reptiles and amphibians

♠ **heterodox** (of beliefs) against accepted opinion; unorthodox; unconventional

□ **heterogeneous** dissimilar; mixed; not homogeneous; consisting of dissimilar elements or plants

♠ **hew** cut to pieces with ax or sword; chop; N.

♠ **heyday** time of greatest success or power; prime

♡ **prime** period of ideal or peak condition; earliest or beginning stage; Ex. in the prime of life; Ex. prime of the year(spring); ADJ: first in importance or rank; first; V: make ready; prepare

♡ **primary** first in rank or importance; principal; earliest in time; Ex. primary stages; N. CF. first

♡ **primal** first in rank or importance; being first in time; original; Ex. man's primal innocence

♡ **primate** group of mammals including humans

♠ **hiatus** gap; pause; gap or interruption in space or time; break

□ **hibernate** sleep throughout the winter; N. hibernation

□ **hierarchy** arrangement by rank or standing; authoritarian body divided into ranks; body of persons having authority

♡ **totem** animal, plant, or natural object serving as a symbol of a clan or family; representation of this; Ex. totem pole

□ **hieroglyphic** picture writing; ADJ.

♠ **hilarity** boisterous mirth(merriment; laughter); ADJ. hilarious: full of laughter

♠ **hindmost** furthest behind; farthest to the rear

♡ **wage** begin and continue (a war)

□ **hindrance** block; obstacle; V. hinder

♠ **hinterlands** back country; inner part of a country; OP. foreland

♠ **hireling** one who serves for hire (usually used contemptuously); one who works solely for compensation; Ex. hireling politician

♠ **hirsute** hairy; having a lot of hair

♠ **histrionic** theatrical; excessively dramatic or emotional; affected; of actors or acting; N. histrionics: histrionic behavior

♡ **historic** important in history; Ex. historic battle

♡ **historical** connected with history; based on events in history (whether regarded as important or not)

♠ **hoard** stockpile; accumulate for future use; N: supply stored for future use

♠ **hoary** white with age

♠ **hoax** trick which makes someone take action; practical joke; Ex. hoax mail; V.

♠ **holocaust** destruction by fire; CF. burnt whole; CF. Holocaust

♠ **holster** leather pistol case (that hangs on a belt around the waist)

□ **homage** honor; tribute; great respect; Ex. pay/do homage to

♠ **homeostasis** tendency of a system or organism to maintain relative stability or internal equilibrium; CF. homeo: constant; Ex. homeotherm

□ **homespun** domestic; made at home; spun or woven at home; simple and ordinary; Ex. homespun philosophy

♡ **spin** rotate swiftly; make (thread) by twisting (cotton, wool, etc.); N.

♠ **homily** sermon; tedious moralizing lecture; serious warning; ADJ. homiletic

□ **homogeneous** of the same kind; uniform in composition throughout

♠ **hone** sharpen (a tool); N: whetstone for sharpening a tool

♠ **hoodwink** deceive; delude

♠ **horde** crowd; swarm

♡ **swarm** large group of insects moving in a mass; crowd of people or animals; V: move in a crowd or mass

♠ **hortatory** encouraging; exhortive; marked by exhortation; CF. exhort

♠ **horticultural** pertaining to cultivation of gardens; N. horticulture: science or art of cultivating fruits, vegetables, or ornamental plants; CF. agriculture: science or art of farming or growing crops

□ **hostility** unfriendliness; hatred; enmity; ADJ. hostile

♠ **hovel** shack; small wretched house

♡ **hut** crude dwelling; shack

♡ **shack** crude cabin

♡ **shed** small roofed structure for storage and shelter; V: pour forth; lose by natural process; repel without allowing penetration; radiate; cast; Ex. shed tears/light/water/skin/leaves

♠ **hover** hang about; (of birds or aircraft) stay in the air in one place; (of people) wait nearby; stay around one place; waver; be in an uncertain state

♠ **hubbub** confused uproar; loud noise; din

♠ **hubris** arrogance; excessive self-conceit

♠ **hue** color; aspect; Ex. opinions of every hue

♠ **hue and cry** outcry; loud cry or clamor; strong protest; Ex. hue and cry against the new rule

□ **humane** marked by kindness or consideration; kind and compassionate; humanitarian

□ **humanitarian** one devoted to the promotion of human welfare; CF. humanism

♠ **humdrum** dull; monotonous

□ **humid** damp; N. humidity

♠ **humility** humbleness of spirit

♡ **humble** of low rank or position; modest; having a low opinion of oneself and a high opinion of others; unassuming; not proud; V. humiliate: make humble; cause to feel ashamed or to lose the respect of others

♠ **hummock** small hill; hillock

♠ **humus** substance or rich soil formed by decaying vegetable matter; CF. soil

♠ **hurtle** crash; rush; move with great speed; Ex. hurtling runaway train

♠ **husband** use sparingly; conserve; save; Ex. husband one's energy; CF. house holder

♠ **husbandry** frugality; thrift; economy; agriculture; farming; Ex. animal husbandry; CF. husbandman

□ **hybrid** mongrel; mixed breed; V. hybridize

♡ **mongrel** plant or animal (esp. a dog) of mixed breed; ADJ.

♡ **pedigree** line of ancestors; ancestry; lineage; ADJ. (of an animal) descended from of a chosen family; Ex. pedigree dog; CF. crane's foot

♠ **hydrophobia** fear of water; rabies

♡ **rabies** disease passed on by the bite of an infected animal (causing madness and death)

♡ **hygiene** science and practice of the promotion and preservation of health; ADJ. hygienic: showing careful attention to cleanliness (to prevent disease); Ex. hygienic condition

♠ **hyperbole** exaggeration; overstatement; ADJ. hyperbolic: of hyperbole; of a hyperbola

□ **hypercritical** excessively exacting; too critical (without noticing good qualities)

♠ **hypochondriac** person unduly worried about his health; worrier without cause about illness; ADJ. CF. hypochondria: neurosis that one is or is becoming ill; CF. abdomen

□ **hypocritical** pretending to be virtuous; deceiving; N. hypocrisy: profession of beliefs one does not possess; CF. hypocrite

□ **hypothetical** based on assumptions or hypotheses; supposed; N. hypothesis

♠ **ichthyology** study of fish; CF. ichthyo-: fish

□ **icon(ikon)** religious image; idol; image or representation

♠ **iconoclastic** attacking cherished traditions; N. iconoclast: one who attacks traditional ideas; one who destroys sacred images

□ **ideology** system of ideas characteristic of a group or culture

♠ **idiom** expression whose meaning as a whole differs from the meanings of its individual words; distinctive style (of expression); Ex. idiom of the modern popular music; ADJ. idiomatic

□ **idiosyncrasy** individual trait usually odd in nature; behavioral peculiarity; eccentricity; attitude, behavior, or opinion peculiar to a person; anything highly individual or eccentric; ADJ. idiosyncratic

♠ **idolatry** worship of idols; excessive admiration or devotion; ADJ. idolatrous

♠ **idyllic** charmingly carefree; simple and happy; Ex. idyllic scene

♡ **idyll(idyl)** short poem idealizing rural life; simple happy period of life (in the country); scene from such a time; Ex. idyll of two young lovers

♠ **igneous** produced by fire; of fire; volcanic; (of rocks) formed from lava; Ex. igneous meteorite

□ **ignite** kindle; light; catch fire or set fire to

♠ **ignoble** unworthy; not noble; dishonorable; Ex. ignoble deed

♠ **ignominy** deep disgrace; shame or dishonor; ADJ. ignominious; Ex. ignominious defeat

□ **illicit** illegal

♠ **illimitable** infinite; limitless

□ **illuminate** brighten; clear up or make understandable; enlighten; enable to understand; Ex. illuminating remarks

□ **illusion** misleading vision or visual image; false idea or belief; CF. delusion

□ **illusive** deceiving; based on illusion; causing illusion; deceptive

- **illusory** illusive; deceptive; not real
- **imbalance** lack of balance or symmetry; disproportion
- ♡ **disproportion** lack of proportion (between the parts); ADJ. disproportionate
- ♠ **imbecility** weakness of mind; state of being an imbecile; N. imbecile: stupid person; fool
- **imbibe** drink in
- ♠ **imbroglio** complicated situation (as in a play); painful or complex misunderstanding (as in a play); entanglement; confused mass (as of papers); V. embroil
- ♠ **imbue** saturate(soak thoroughly); fill; Ex. imbue someone with feelings

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- **immaculate** spotless; flawless; absolutely clean
- ♡ **tenant** one that pays rent to use property owned by another
- ♡ **tenancy** possession of land or building by rent; period of a tenant's occupancy
- **imminent** impending; near at hand
- **immobility** state of being immovable
- ♠ **immolate** offer or kill as a sacrifice (by fire)
- **immune** resistant to; free or exempt from; N. immunity
- ♠ **immure** imprison; shut up in confinement; CF. wall
- **immutable** unchangeable
- **impair** injure; hurt; damage
- ♠ **impale** pierce (with a sharp point); Ex. impaled by the spear
- **impalpable** imperceptible(not easily understood); intangible; OP. palpable: tangible; easily perceptible
- **impartial** not biased; fair; N. impartiality
- ♡ **impart** grant a share of; make known; Ex. news to impart
- **impassable** not able to be traveled or crossed
- **impasse** predicament(dangerous condition) from which there is no escape; situation allowing for no further progress
- **impassive** without feeling; expressionless; imperturbable; stoical; Ex. impassive face
- ♠ **impeach** charge (a public official) with crime in office; raise doubts about; indict; Ex. impeach a witness's credibility
- ♠ **impeccable** faultless
- ♡ **credential** evidence concerning one's authority; written proof of a person's position; Ex. The new ambassador presented his credentials to the court.
- **impecunious** without money
- **impede** hide; retard or obstruct the progress of; block
- ♡ **retard** delay (in development); ADJ. retarded: (as of a child) slower in development

- **impediment** hindrance; stumbling-block; speech defect preventing clear articulation; Ex. speech impediment
- **impel** drive or force onward; drive to take action; urge to action
- **impending** nearing; approaching; about to happen
- **impenetrable** not able to be pierced or entered; beyond understanding; impossible to understand; Ex. impenetrable mystery
- **impenitent** not repentant
- **imperative** absolutely necessary; that must be done; critically important; expressing command; Ex. It is imperative that; N: something that must be done
- **imperceptible** unnoticeable; impossible to perceive; undetectable
- **imperial** like an emperor; related to an empire; CF. imperialism
- ♡ **imperil** put in danger
- ♠ **imperious** domineering; too commanding; haughty; CF. imperial/emperor
- **impermeable** impervious; not permitting passage through its substance; impossible to permeate
- **impertinent** insolent; rude; not pertinent; N. impertinence
- **imperturbable** unshakably calm; placid
- ♡ **collected** composed; calm; self-possessed
- ♠ **impervious** impenetrable; incapable of being damaged or distressed; incapable of being affected (in one's opinions); Ex. impervious to water/criticism
- **impetuous** violent; hasty; rash; impulsive; without careful thought; Ex. impetuous decision
- **impetus** moving force; momentum; force of a moving body; incentive; stimulus; impulse
- **impiety** irreverence; lack of respect for God or piety
- ♠ **impinge** infringe; encroach; influence; touch; collide with; Ex. The effects are impinging on every aspect of our lives.
- **impious** irreverent
- **implacable** incapable of being pacified; impossible to appease; Ex. implacable enemy
- **implausible** unlikely (to be true); unbelievable; Ex. implausible alibi
- **implement** put into effect; enforce; carry out; supply with tools; Ex. implement the plan/suggestion; N: tool or instrument
- **implicate** incriminate; involve incriminatingly; show to be involved (in a crime); Ex. implicate someone in the crime
- **implication** something hinted at or suggested; implying; implicating
- **implicit** understood but not stated; implied; unquestioning and complete; Ex. implicit trust
- **implode** burst inward; CF. vacuum tube
- **implore** beg

□ **imply** suggest a meaning not expressed; signify

♠ **impolitic** not wise; not expedient; not politic

□ **imponderable** weightless; that cannot undergo precise evaluation; CF. pound

□ **import** significance; importance; meaning

♡ **significant** expressing a meaning; important; Ex. significant smile; N. significance: importance; meaning; V. signify: denote; mean; signal; make known; matter; be significant

♠ **importunate** urging; always demanding; troublesomely urgent or persistent

♠ **importune** beg persistently; make repeated requests (in an annoying way)

□ **imposture** assuming a false identity; masquerade; CF. impostor

♡ **masquerade** wear a mask or disguise; pretend; N: costume party or ball at which masks are worn; pretense; disguise

□ **impotent** weak; ineffective; lacking in physical strength or power

♡ **crave** desire; want intensely

♠ **imprecation** curse; swearword

♠ **impregnable** invulnerable; impossible to capture or enter by force; Ex. impregnable fort/argument; CF. take

♡ **impregnate** make pregnant; fill thoroughly; saturate

□ **impromptu** without previous preparation; off the cuff(end of a sleeve); on the spur of the moment

□ **impropriety** impropriety; unsuitableness

□ **improvident** thrifless; not providing for the future

□ **improvise** compose on the spur of the moment

□ **imprudent** lacking caution; not prudent; injudicious

□ **impudence** impertinence; insolence

♠ **impugn** dispute or contradict (often in an insulting way); attack as false or questionable; challenge; gainsay; CF. fight

♠ **impuissance** powerlessness; feebleness

□ **impunity** freedom from punishment or harm; CF. punish

♠ **impute** attribute; ascribe; charge; N. imputation

□ **inadvertently** unintentionally; by oversight; carelessly

♡ **oversee** watch over and direct; supervise; N. oversight: unintentional failure to notice or do something; supervision

□ **inalienable** not to be taken away; nontransferable; Ex. inalienable rights

♠ **inane** silly; senseless; Ex. inane remarks; N. inanity

□ **inanimate** lifeless; not animate

♠ **inarticulate** speechless; producing indistinct speech; not articulate; not expressing oneself clearly

♡ **speechless** unable for the moment to speak (because of strong feeling); Ex. speechless with anger

□ **inaugurate** begin formally; install in office; induct into office by a formal ceremony; N. inauguration; ADJ. inaugural

♠ **incandescent** strikingly bright; shining with intense heat; emitting visible light when heated; Ex. incandescent light bulb; CF. candle

♠ **incantation** singing or chanting of magic spells; magical formula; (the saying of) words used in magic; CF. enchant

♡ **chant** tune(melody) in which a number of words are sung on the same note; V: sing (a chant); utter (a slogan) in the manner of a chant

♡ **charm** quality of pleasing; amulet; action or formula thought to have magical power; spell; V: attract; cast a spell on; bewitch

♡ **bewitch** cast a spell over; captivate completely

♡ **recite** repeat aloud (something learned); describe; Ex. recite his complaints; N. recitation

♡ **recital** act of reciting publicly; detailed account; performance of music or dance (by a solo performer)

♠ **incapacitate** disable; N. incapacity: lack of capacity

□ **incarcerate** imprison

□ **incarnate** endowed with flesh; invested with bodily form; personified; Ex. devil incarnate; V: give bodily form to; embody

□ **incarnation** act of assuming a human body and human nature; one who personifies something; personification; Ex. previous incarnation/reincarnation

♡ **personify** represent (an inanimate object) as a person; be the embodiment or perfect example of; Ex. She is evil/patience personified; N. personification

□ **incendiary** arsonist; ADJ: causing fire; of arson; Ex. incendiary bomb

□ **incense** enrage; infuriate(make furious); make extremely angry; outrage; N: aromatic substance burned to produce a pleasant odor

□ **incentive** spur; motive; something which encourages one to greater activity

□ **inception** start; beginning

□ **incessant** uninterrupted; unceasing

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♠ **inchoate** (of desire, wish, plan) recently begun; not explicit; at the beginning of development; rudimentary; elementary; Ex. inchoate mass

□ **incidence** rate of occurrence; particular occurrence; Ex. high incidence of infant mortality

□ **incidental** not essential; minor; N: something incidental

♡ **incident** event; event that causes a crisis

♡ **incinerate** burn to ashes

□ **incipient** beginning; in an early stage

□ **incisive** (appreciatively) cutting; sharp; Ex. incisive remarks; V. incise: make a cut into

□ **incite** arouse to action; goad; motivate; induce to exist; Ex. incite a riot/the crowd to rebellion

♠ **inclement** stormy; unkind; unmerciful; CF. clement

□ **incline** slope; slant; Ex. steep incline

□ **inclined** tending or leaning toward; bent; V. incline: slant; dispose; be disposed; tend

♡ **tend** have a tendency; take care of; minister; serve at; apply one's attention; attend

□ **inclusive** tending to include all; all-inclusive; Ex. inclusive charge

□ **incognito** with identity concealed; using an assumed name; ADJ.

□ **incoherent** unintelligible; muddled; unable to express one's thoughts in an orderly manner; illogical; lacking cohesion; not coherent

□ **incommodious** not spacious; inconvenient

□ **incompatible** inharmonious; N. incompatibility

□ **incongruity** lack of harmony; absurdity; ADJ. incongruous: lacking in harmony; inappropriate

♡ **attire** clothe; N: clothing; array; apparel

□ **inconsequential** insignificant; unimportant

□ **inconsistency** state of being self-contradictory; lack of uniformity or steadiness; ADJ. inconsistent: displaying a lack of consistency; erratic; contradictory; incompatible

□ **incontinent** lacking self-restraint; not continent; licentious

□ **incontrovertible** indisputable; impossible to dispute; not open to question; unquestionable

□ **incorporate** introduce something into a larger whole; include; embody; give material form to; ADJ.

♠ **incorporeal** without a material body; insubstantial

□ **incorrigible** uncorrectable

□ **incredulity** tendency to disbelief

□ **incredulous** withholding belief; skeptical; showing disbelief

□ **increment** increase

□ **incriminate** accuse of or implicate in a crime; serve as evidence against; cause to seem or make guilty of a crime; Ex. incriminating evidence

♠ **incrustation** hard coating or crust; V. incrust: encrust; cover with a crust

□ **incubate** hatch; warm (eggs) with the body to promote hatching; maintain at optimal environment conditions for development; be holding in one's body an infection which is going to develop into a disease; N. incubation; CF. incubation:disease

♡ **inasmuch as** since; owing to the fact that

□ **incubus** burden; very worrying problem; mental care; nightmare; male devil; CF. succubus

□ **inculcate** teach (ideas or principles); instill

□ **incumbent** obligatory; imposed as an obligation; currently holding an office; N: person who holds an office

□ **incur** bring upon oneself

□ **incursion** temporary invasion; CF. excursion: short journey

♡ **inroad** hostile invasion; advance that lessens the quantity or difficulty of something; Ex. The long illness made serious inroads on his savings; CF. raid

□ **indefatigable** tireless; untiring; showing no sign of getting tired

□ **indelible** not able to be erased

♠ **indemnify** make secure against damage or loss; compensate for damage or loss; CF. make uninjured

□ **indentation** notch; deep recess; V. indent; CF. tooth

♠ **indenture** bind as servant or apprentice to master; bind by indenture; N: contract binding one party into the service of another for a specified time (as between an apprentice and his master)

□ **indeterminate** uncertain; not clearly fixed; indefinite

□ **indicative** suggestive; implying; serving to indicate

□ **indices** signs; indications; Ex. indices of a student's potential; CF. index: something that reveals or indicates; sign; Ex. cost-of-living index

□ **indict** charge; N. indictment

□ **indifferent** unmoved or unconcerned by; having no interest in; mediocre; neither good nor bad

□ **indigence** poverty

□ **indigenous** native; Ex. plant indigenous to the New World

□ **indigent** poor; destitute

□ **indignation** anger at an injustice; Ex. righteous indignation; ADJ. indignant

♡ **righteous** morally upright; just

♡ **rightful** legally correct; Ex. rightful owner

□ **indignity** treatment or situation that causes shame or loss of dignity, respect; offensive or insulting treatment; humiliating or degrading treatment; Ex. I suffered the indignity of having to say that in front of them.

□ **indiscriminate** choosing at random; confused; not based on careful distinctions

□ **indisputable** too certain to be disputed; beyond doubt

□ **indissoluble** permanent; impossible to dissolve or disintegrate

□ **indite** write; compose

□ **indolent** lazy

□ **indomitable** unconquerable; unyielding

♠ **indubitable** unable to be doubted; which cannot be doubted; unquestionable

□ **induce** persuade; lead to do something; bring about; N. inducement

□ **inductive** pertaining to induction or proceeding from the specific to the general

♡ **induct** place formally in office; install; admit as a member; initiate; N. induction: inducting; process of deriving general principles from particular facts

□ **indulgent** humoring; yielding; lenient; showing indulgence

♡ **indulge** yield to; gratify; allow oneself a special pleasure; Ex. indulge one's every whim/a child/in a big cigarette; N. indulgence

♡ **humor** indulge; comply with the wishes of; N. quality that makes something amusing; state of mind; mood; Ex. in a bad humor; Ex. out of humor

□ **industrious** diligent; hard-working; N. industry

♠ **inebriated** habitually intoxicated; drunk; N. inebriety

♡ **inebriate** make drunk; intoxicate; N. intoxicated person

♡ **intoxicate** make drunk; stimulate or excite; Ex. intoxicated by all the money he might win

♠ **ineffable** unutterable; not to be uttered; taboo; that cannot be expressed in speech; indescribable; unspeakable; inexpressible; Ex. ineffable name/joy

□ **ineffectual** not effective; not having a desired effect; weak

♠ **ineluctable** irresistible; not to be escaped; unavoidable

□ **inept** unsuited; inappropriate; lacking skill; incompetent; CF. inapt: (of statements or ideas) inappropriate

□ **inequity** unfairness; ADJ. inequitable

♠ **inerrancy** infallibility

♠ **inert** inactive; lacking power to move; unable to move or act; Ex. chemically inert; N. inertia: state of being inert; force which keeps a thing in the position or state

□ **inevitable** unavoidable

♠ **inexorable** relentless; unyielding; implacable; not capable of being changed by entreaty or efforts; Ex. inexorable price rises

□ **infallible** unerring; never making mistakes

□ **infamous** notoriously bad; notorious; well known for being bad; Ex. infamous behavior; N: infamy: infamous act; evil fame or reputation

□ **infantile** childish; infantlike

□ **infer** deduce; conclude; N. inference

♠ **infernal** pertaining to hell; devilish; N. inferno: place of fiery heat or destruction

♠ **infidel** unbeliever (with respect to a particular religion)

□ **infiltrate** pass into or through; penetrate or enter (an organization) sneakily; Ex. infiltrate the troops into enemy territory; CF. infiltrator

♡ **penetrate** enter into; pierce; permeate; see through; grasp the inner significance of; understand

□ **infinitesimal** very small

□ **infirmity** weakness

□ **inflated** exaggerated; pompous; enlarged (with air or gas)

□ **influx** flowing into

□ **infraction** violation (of a rule or regulation); breach

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□ **infringe** violate (a law); encroach (the right of another person)

□ **ingenious** marked by inventive skill; clever; resourceful; N. ingenuity

♡ **resourceful** clever and imaginative (in dealing with difficult situations); N. resource, resourcefulness

□ **ingenuous** naive and trusting; young; unsophisticated; candid

♡ **ingenue** ingénue; young innocent girl 

□ **ingrained** deeply established; firmly rooted; Ex. ingrained dirt/prejudice

□ **ingrate** ungrateful person (not expressing thanks)

♠ **ingratiate** become popular with; bring (oneself) in favor of another; Ex. ingratiate himself with the boss

□ **inherent** firmly established by nature or habit; intrinsic

□ **inhibit** restrain; prohibit; retard or prevent; N. inhibition

♡ **inhibited** (of a person) unable to express what one really feels

♡ **uninhibited** having no inhibitions; free in behavior and feelings

♠ **inimical** (of someone) unfriendly; hostile; (of something) harmful; detrimental; CF. enemy

□ **inimitable** matchless; not able to be imitated

□ **iniquitous** wicked; immoral; unrighteous; N. iniquity; Ex. den of iniquity

□ **initiate** begin; originate; receive into a group; introduce to a new field or activity; Ex. initiate someone into the mysteries of a secret religion; N: one who has been initiated

□ **injurious** harmful; causing injury

♠ **inkling** hint; slight indication

□ **innate** inborn

□ **innocuous** harmless

□ **innovation** change; something newly introduced; introduction of something new; V. innovate: begin or introduce (something new); be creative; ADJ. innovative

♠ **innuendo** indirect or subtle (derogatory) hint; insinuation; Ex. sexual innuendo

□ **inopportune** untimely; inappropriate or ill-timed; poorly chosen

♠ **inordinate** beyond reasonable limits; unrestrained; excessive; Ex. inordinate demands

□ **inquisitor** questioner (especially harsh); investigator; person making an inquisition

♡ **inquisitive** eager for knowledge; unduly curious

♠ **insalubrious** unwholesome; not healthful; Ex. insalubrious place

♡ **healthful** conducive to good health; Ex. healthful mountain air

♡ **healthy** possessing good health; healthful

♡ **wholesome** conducive to mental or physical health; healthful

□ **insatiable** not easily satisfied; unquenchable; Ex. insatiable appetite

♠ **inscrutable** difficult to understand; impenetrable; not readily understood; mysterious

♠ **insensate** without feeling; lacking sense; foolish

♠ **insensible** unconscious; unresponsive; insensitive; unaware; imperceptible; Ex. insensible of his danger/to pain; Ex. insensible change; CF. not the opposite of sensible

♠ **insidious** treacherous; stealthy; sly; working or spreading harmfully in a stealthy manner; Ex. insidious spreading of dry rot

□ **insightful** discerning; perceptive

♠ **insinuate** hint; imply; suggest indirectly; creep in; introduce or insert (oneself) by artful means; Ex. insinuate himself into the boss's favor; CF. ingratiate

♡ **creep** move with body close to the ground; move stealthily or slowly; N.

♡ **artful** exhibiting art or skill; deceitful; cunning; CF. artifice

♠ **insipid** lacking in flavor; lacking interest; dull; Ex. insipid food/character

□ **insolence** impudent disrespect; haughtiness; ADJ. insolent; CF. haughty + rude

□ **insolvent** bankrupt; lacking money to pay; N. insolvency

□ **insomnia** wakefulness; inability to sleep

♠ **insouciant** without concern or care; unconcerned; indifferent

♠ **instigate** start; urge; provoke; incite; Ex. instigate a search/quarrel

□ **insubordination** disobedience; rebelliousness; ADJ. insubordinate

□ **insubstantial** lacking substance; insignificant; frail; immaterial

♠ **insularity** narrow-mindedness; isolation; ADJ. insular: of an island; isolated; narrow-minded; CF. peninsula

□ **insuperable** insurmountable; unbeatable; Ex. insuperable difficulties

♡ **odds** chances; probability; disagreement; Ex. The odds are that it will rain. Ex. at odds with

□ **insurgent** rebellious; N.

□ **insurmountable** overwhelming; unbeatable; insuperable

□ **insurrection** rebellion; uprising

□ **intangible** not able to be perceived by touch; vague

□ **integral** complete; necessary for completeness; Ex. integral part

□ **integrate** make whole; combine; make into one unit

□ **integrity** honesty; uprightness; wholeness; state of being whole and undivided; completeness

♡ **upright** (sitting or standing) straight up; honest; moral

□ **intellect** higher mental powers; person of great intellectual ability

□ **intelligentsia** intellectuals; members of the educated elite (often used derogatorily)

□ **inter** bury; N. interment

♡ **cemetery** place for burying the dead

□ **interdict** prohibit; forbid; N.

□ **interim** meantime; Ex. in the interim; ADJ. taking place during an interim; Ex. interim paper

♠ **interloper** intruder; one who interferes

□ **interminable** endless

□ **intermittent** periodic; on and off; stopping and starting at intervals

□ **internecine** mutually destructive

♠ **interpolate** insert between

♠ **interregnum** period between two successive reigns or governments

♠ **interrogate** question closely; cross-examine; cross-question

□ **intervene** come between; interfere; Ex. intervened to prevent a fight; N. intervention

♠ **intimate** hint; suggest; imply; ADJ: marked by close relationship; familiar; private; personal; Ex. intimate knowledge/thoughts in the diary; N: close friend or confidant; CF. intimacy

□ **intimidate** frighten; N. intimidation

□ **intractable** unruly; difficult to manage; Ex. intractable problem/child

□ **intransigence** refusal of any compromise; stubbornness; ADJ. intransigent: uncompromising

□ **intrepid** fearless

□ **intrinsic** essential; inherent; built-in

♠ **introspective** looking within oneself; N. introspection: self-examination

□ **introvert** one who is introspective or inclined to think more about oneself; ADJ. introverted

♠ **intrude** put or force in without being asked; trespass; enter as an uninvited person; Ex. intrude one's own opinion into the report; CF. thrust in

□ **intuition** immediate insight; power of knowing without reasoning; ADJ. intuitive; V. intuit: know by intuition

□ **inundate** flood; overflow; submerge; cover completely; Ex. inundated with work

♡ **overwhelm** (of water) cover completely; defeat completely by much greater force; Ex. overwhelmed by grief

♡ **submerge** place under water; dip; go under water; cover completely (as with water); Ex. submerged in work

♡ **engulf** surround and swallow up

♠ **inured** accustomed; hardened; Ex. inured to the Alaskan cold; V. inure: make used to something undesirable; harden; CF. unfeeling

□ **invalidate** weaken; destroy; make invalid; nullify

♡ **invalid** one incapacitated(disabled) by a chronic illness; ADJ: incapacitated by illness; not valid; null; V: allow to leave (a military force) because of ill-health

□ **invective** abuse

♠ **inveigh** denounce; utter censure or invective; Ex. inveigh against the evils of drink

♠ **inveigle** deceive; lead astray by deception; wheedle(cajole); Ex. inveigle her into joining the club; CF. interest dishonestly

□ **inverse** opposite

□ **invert** turn upside down or inside out; reverse the position or condition of

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□ **inveterate** deep-rooted; habitual; CF. grow old

♠ **invidious** designed to create ill will or envy; tending to rouse ill will or envy; Ex. invidious comparison

□ **invincible** unconquerable

♠ **inviolable** secure from corruption, attack, or violation(or profanation); unassailable; Ex. inviolable oath/rights; N. inviolability

♠ **invocation** prayer for help (used in invoking); calling upon as a reference or support; act of invoking

♠ **invoke** call and bring into use (a right or law); call on/upon (a higher power or god) for help; ask for; beg for; conjure (a spirit); Ex. invoke the veto power; Ex. invoke one's advisor/God

□ **invulnerable** incapable of injury; impossible to damage or injure

□ **iota** very small quantity

♠ **irascible** irritable; easily angered

♠ **irate** angry; CF. ire: anger; wrath

♠ **iridescent** exhibiting rainbowlike colors; Ex. iridescent oil slick; N. iridescence

□ **irksome** annoying; tedious; V. irk: annoy

□ **ironic** expressing irony; occurring in an unexpected and contrary manner

♠ **irony** hidden sarcasm or satire; use of words that seem to mean the opposite of what they actually mean; use of words to convey the opposite of their literal meaning

□ **irreconcilable** impossible to reconcile; incompatible; not able to be resolved

□ **irrefutable** indisputable; incontrovertible; undeniable

□ **irrelevant** not applicable; unrelated

□ **irremediable** incurable; uncorrectable; impossible to remedy

□ **irreparable** not able to be corrected or repaired; impossible to repair

□ **irrepressible** unable to be restrained or held back; impossible to hold back

□ **irreproachable** beyond reproach; blameless; impeccable; Ex. irreproachable conduct

□ **irresolute** uncertain how to act; weak; lacking in resolution; indecisive; N. irresolution

♡ **indecisive** marked by indecision; inconclusive; Ex. indecisive battle

♡ **indecision** irresolution; inability to make up one's mind

□ **irretrievable** impossible to recover or regain; CF. retrieve

□ **irreverence** lack of proper respect or reverence; ADJ. irreverent

□ **irrevocable** unalterable; irreversible; impossible to revoke

□ **isotope** varying from of an element

♠ **isthmus** narrow neck of land connecting two larger bodies of land

♠ **itinerant** wandering; traveling from place to place (to perform work); Ex. itinerant preacher

♠ **itinerary** plan of a trip; record of a trip

♠ **jabber** chatter rapidly or unintelligibly

♡ **jab** poke abruptly with something sharp; punch with short blows

♠ **jaded** tired or uninterested by surfeit; fatigued; surfeited; worn out; wearied; Ex. jaded appetite

□ **jargon** language used by special group; technical terminology; gibberish; nonsensical or incoherent talk

♠ **jaundiced** yellowed; prejudiced (envious, hostile, or resentful) from long and disappointing experience of human affairs; Ex. with a jaundiced eye

♡ **jaundice** medical condition in which the skin, the white part of the eyes, etc. turn yellow; V: affect with jaundice; affect with prejudice, envy, or hostility; bias

♠ **jaunt** trip; short journey

♠ **jaunty** cheerful and pleased with life; lighthearted; animated; easy and carefree; dapper in appearance; Ex. jaunty person/hat

□ **jeopardize** endanger; imperil; put at risk; N. jeopardy: danger

♠ **jettison** throw overboard (from a ship or plane)

♠ **jibe** agree; be in harmony with; gibe

□ **jingoist** extremely aggressive and militant patriot; warlike chauvinist; N. jingoism: extreme nationalism

♠ **jocose** given to(having a tendency of) joking

♠ **jocular** said or done in jest or playfully; marked by joking

♡ **jest** playful remark or act; V. act or speak playfully

♠ **jocund** merry

♠ **jollity** gaiety; cheerfulness; ADJ. jolly: merry; gay

♠ **jostle** shove; bump; push against (someone) rather roughly; Ex. jostled by the crowds

♡ **shove** push forward; push roughly; Ex. pushing and shoving to get on the bus; N.

♡ **bump** hit or knock against with force; N.

♠ **joyful** good-natured; merry; cheerful

□ **jubilation** rejoicing; great joy

□ **judicious** sound on judgment; wise

♠ **juggernaut** irresistible crushing force; overwhelming advancing force that crushes everything in its path

♡ **jug** pitcher; container for holding liquids

♠ **juncture** crisis; point in time; joining point; joint; act of joining

♠ **junket** trip especially one taken for pleasure by an official at public expense

♠ **junta** group of persons joined in political intrigue; cabal; group of military officers ruling a country after seizing power (by force)

♠ **jurisprudence** science of law

♡ **jurisdiction** right and power to apply the law; authority

♡ **juridical** of the law and its administration; CF. judicial: of courts of law; CF. judiciary

♠ **juxtapose** place side by side; CF. next

♠ **kaleidoscope** tube in which patterns made by the reflection in mirrors of colored pieces of glass, etc. produce interesting symmetrical effects; series of changing events; Ex. kaleidoscope of European history; CF. beautiful

♠ **ken** range of knowledge; Ex. beyond one's ken

□ **kernel** central or vital part; core; whole seed (as of corn)

♠ **killjoy** grouch; spoilsport; one who intentionally spoils the pleasure of others

♡ **grouch** bad-tempered complaint; person who keeps complaining; V: complain; grumble

♡ **spoilsport** one who spoils the pleasure of others

□ **kindle** start a fire; ignite; inspire; arouse

♠ **kindred** related; belonging to the same group; similar in nature or character; Ex. kindred languages; N: relative; kin; kinship

□ **kinetic** producing motion; of motion

♠ **kismet** fate; destiny; Ex. Kismet is the Arabic word for fate.

♠ **kleptomaniac** person who has a compulsive desire to steal

♠ **knave** untrustworthy person; rogue; scoundrel; jack; N. knavery

♠ **knead** mix; work dough; mix and work into a uniform mass (with the hands); Ex. knead dough

♠ **knell** tolling of a bell especially to indicate a funeral, disaster, etc.; sound of the funeral bell; V.

♡ **toll** sound (a large bell) slowly at regular intervals; N: sound of a bell; fixed tax or charge

♡ **curfew** regulation requiring all people to leave the streets at stated times; signal (as a bell) announcing the hour of a curfew

♠ **knit** contract into wrinkles; grow together; join together closely; make (a fabric or garment) by interwining yarn or thread; Ex. knit the brow; Ex. The bones should knit together in a few weeks.

♡ **crochet** make (a piece of needlework) by looping thread with a hooked needle; N. CF. crotchet

♠ **knoll** little round hill; hillock

♠ **knotty** intricate; difficult; tangled; CF. knot

♠ **kudos** honor; glory; acclaim or praise for exceptional achievement

♡ **entourage** group of attendants; retinue; CF. surround

♠ **labile** likely to change; unstable; Ex. emotionally labile; N. lability

□ **laborious** demanding much work or care; tedious

□ **labyrinth** maze

♠ **laceration** torn ragged wound; V. lacerate: tear (the skin as with broken glass); wound

♡ **rip** tear or be torn quickly and violently; Ex. The sail ripped under the force of the wind; N.

♡ **rag** scrap of cloth; ADJ. ragged: old and torn; seeming unfinished and imperfect; Ex. ragged debut/performance

♠ **lachrymose** producing tears; tearful

♠ **lackadaisical** lacking interest or effort; lacking purpose or zest; lazy; halfhearted; languid

♡ **halfhearted** exhibiting little interest or enthusiasm

♠ **lackluster** lacking luster(shine; gloss); dull

♠ **laconic** brief and to the point; using few words; terse

♠ **laggard** slow; sluggish; N: one who lags; straggler

♡ **lag** move or develop more slowly; straggle; Ex. lag behind the rest; N.

♡ **straggle** stray or fall behind (a main group); spread out in a scattered group; Ex. straggling marathon racer; Ex. straggling branch

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♠ **lagoon** shallow body of water or lake near a sea; lake separated from a sea by sandbars or coral reefs

♠ **laity** laypersons; laymen; persons not connected with the clergy

♡ **layman** man who is not a cleric; man who is nonprofessional

□ **lament** grieve; express sorrow; N. lamentation

♠ **lampoon** ridicule; N: written attack ridiculing or satirizing a person, group, or institution

♠ **lancet** small surgical tool for making incisions

♡ **lance** pierce with a lance; cut into; N: spearlike weapon

□ **languid** lacking energy or vitality; weary; sluggish; listless

□ **languish** lose animation or strength

□ **languor** lack of physical or mental energy; lassitude; depression

♠ **lank** long and thin; Ex. Lank, gaunt, Abraham Lincoln

♠ **lap** take in food or drink with one's tongue; splash gently; Ex. waves lapping the shore; N: front area from the waist to the knees of a seated person

♠ **larceny** theft; Ex. petit larceny

♠ **larder** pantry; place where food is kept

♠ **largess** generous gift (given to people who do not have enough)

□ **lascivious** lustful

♡ **lust** intense sexual desire; intense eagerness; V.

♠ **lassitude** languor; weariness; listlessness

□ **latent** present but not yet noticeable or active; dormant; hidden; N. latency; CF. potential

□ **lateral** of or coming from the side

♠ **latitude** freedom from narrow limitations

□ **laud** praise; N. ADJ. laudable: praiseworthy; ADJ. laudatory: expressing praise

♠ **lavish** liberal; wasteful; generous or wasteful in giving or using; abundant; profuse; great; Ex. decorated lavishly; V. give in abundance

♠ **lax** careless; negligent; not paying enough attention; Ex. lax service

♠ **leaven** add leaven to; cause to rise or grow lighter; enliven; N: agent, such as yeast, that causes dough to rise (by fermentation); element that lightens or enlivens

♡ **enliven** make lively or spirited; animate

□ **lechery** gross lewdness; lustfulness; ADJ. lecherous; N. lecher: lecherous man

♠ **lectern** reading desk or stand for a public speaker

♠ **leery** (of someone) suspicious; wary; cautious

♠ **leeway** room to move; margin; latitude; Ex. leeway for the deadline

♡ **margin** border; room; allowance beyond what is needed; Ex. margin of safety

♡ **marginal** of a margin; barely within a limit; Ex. marginal effect/writing ability

□ **legacy** gift made by a will; something handed down from an ancestor

□ **legend** explanatory list of symbols on a map

♠ **legerdemain** sleight(dexterity) of hand; CF. light of hand

□ **leniency** mildness; permissiveness; ADJ. lenient: not severe in judgment or punishment

♡ **permissive** allowing much freedom; lenient; Ex. permissive society

□ **leonine** like a lion

□ **lethal** deadly

□ **lethargic** drowsy; dull; N. lethargy: state of sluggishness and inactivity

♠ **levee** earthen or stone embankment to prevent flooding; CF. raise

♠ **levitate** rise and float in the air (especially by magical means); CF. light

□ **levity** lack of seriousness or steadiness; frivolity; lightness of manner

♠ **levy** impose (a fine); collect (a payment); impose or collect (a tax); Ex. levy a tax on tobacco

□ **lewd** lustful

♠ **lexicographer** compiler of a dictionary; CF. lexicography: work of compiling a dictionary

♠ **lexicon** dictionary

♠ **liability** drawback; handicap; debts; obligation; responsibility; condition of being liable; ADJ. liable: likely; responsible (for paying)

□ **liaison** contact that keeps parties in communication; communication between groups; one that maintains communication; go-between; secret love affair; V. liaise: keep a connection

□ **libel** defamatory written statement; act of writing something that smears a person's character; V. ADJ. libelous

♠ **libertine** debauched person; dissolute or licentious person; roué; CF. free

♡ **roué** lecherous man

□ **libidinous** lustful

♠ **libido** psychic and emotional energy or urges behind human activity; sexual desire

♠ **libretto** text of an opera or oratorio; CF. book

□ **licentious** amoral; lewd and lascivious; unrestrained

♡ **license** official or legal permission; latitude of action or speech; excessive freedom that causes harm or damage; V.

♠ **lien** legal claim or right on a property

♠ **ligneous** like wood

♠ **lilliputian** extremely small; CF. Lilliput in Gulliver's Travels

♠ **limber** flexible; supple; pliable; V.

♠ **limbo** region near heaven or hell where certain souls are kept; prison (slang); Ex. Purgatory and Limbo

♡ **abode** dwelling place; home

♡ **abide** dwell; abide by: comply with; put up with; tolerate; Ex. abide by the rules; Ex. I can't abide rude people.

♠ **limn** draw; outline; describe; CF. line ?

♠ **limpid** crystal clear

□ **lineage** descent; ancestry

♠ **lineaments** features especially of the face; distinctive shape or contour of the face; CF. line

♡ **feature** distinctive part of the faces (as the eyes or mouth); features: overall appearance of the face; prominent or distinctive quality; prominent article; film; V: make prominent

♡ **linger** loiter or dawdle; be slow in leaving; delay going; continue or persist; be slow to disappear; Ex. The smell lingered for days.

♡ **persist** continue in existence; last; continue in a course of action in spite of opposition; Ex. persist in/with something; ADJ. persistent

□ **linguistic** pertaining to language

♡ **lionize** treat (a person) as a celebrity

♡ **liquidate** settle accounts; pay off (a debt); clear up; eliminate; kill or abolish

♡ **list** tilt (as of a ship); lean over (to one side)

□ **listless** lacking in spirit or energy; languid

♠ **litany** supplicatory prayer; prayer in which the priest calls out and the people replies in the same words

♠ **lithe** flexible; supple; CF. limber

♡ **willowy** flexible; pliant; slender; CF. willow

♠ **litigation** lawsuit; N. litigant: one party in a lawsuit; V. litigate

♠ **litotes** understatement for emphasis; Ex. “not bad(=pretty good)”

♡ **understate** state with less truth than seems warranted by the facts; Ex. He understated the seriousness of the crime; N. understatement; OP. overstate

♠ **livid** lead-colored; black and blue (as from a bruise); ashen; enraged; extremely angry

♠ **loath** reluctant; unwilling; disinclined; Ex. Romeo and Juliet were both loath for him to go.

□ **loathe** detest; ADJ. loathsome: arousing loathing; offensive; Ex. loathsome smell

♠ **lode** metal-bearing vein(long deposit of an ore)

□ **lofty** very high

♡ **loft** room or space under the roof; attic

□ **log** record of a voyage or flight; record of day-to-day activities; section of a trunk; V.

□ **loiter** hang about/around; stand idly about; linger

♠ **loll** lounge about

♡ **lounge** stand, sit, or lie in a lazy, relaxed way

□ **longevity** long life; long duration

♠ **loom** appear or take shape (usually in an enlarged, indistinct, or distorted form); Ex. The shadow of the gallows loomed threateningly. N: apparatus for making thread into cloth

♡ **gallows** framework from which a noose is suspended (used for execution by hanging)

♡ **noose** loop formed in a rope

♠ **lope** gallop slowly

□ **loquacious** talkative; N. loquacity

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♠ **lout** clumsy person; ADJ. loutish; CF. from countrysides ?

♠ **low** moo; make the sound of a cow

♡ **lubricate** apply a lubricant to; N. lubricant: substance that reduces friction

□ **lucid** easily understood; clear; intelligible; N. lucidity

□ **lucrative** profitable; producing wealth

♠ **lucre** money; profit; Ex. filthy lucre

♡ **filth** dirty matter; ADJ. filthy

♠ **ludicrous** laughable; ridiculous; trifling

♠ **lugubrious** mournful; sorrowful

♠ **lull** moment of calm; period of reduced activity; Ex. a lull in the rain; V: cause to become less active; cause to sleep or rest; Ex. lull the opponents into a false sense of security; CF. lullaby

♠ **lumber** move heavily or clumsily; Ex. The bear lumbered through the woods; N: timber

♠ **lumen** unit of light energy (one candle's worth)

♠ **luminary** celebrity (in a specific field); dignitary; object that gives light (as a celestial body)

♡ **dignitary** person of high rank or position

♠ **luminous** shining (esp. in the dark); issuing light; Ex. luminous paint/road signs

□ **lunar** pertaining to the moon

♡ **lunatic** insane; Ex. lunatic asylum

♠ **lurid** wild; sensational; graphic; gruesome; horrible; Ex. lurid details of the murder

♠ **lurk** stealthily lie in waiting; slink; exist unperceived

♡ **slink** move furtively; ADJ. slinky: stealthy; furtive; sneaky (as in ambush)

♠ **luscious** pleasing to taste or smell; delicious

♠ **luster** shine; gloss (of a polished surface)

♠ **lustrous** shining; brilliant; Ex. lustrous hair

♠ **luxuriant** abundant; growing healthily and in large amounts; excessively ornate; rich and splendid; fertile; Ex. luxuriant forests/prose; CF. luxurious, luxuriate

♠ **macabre** gruesome; grisly; ghastly; CF. of death

♡ **morgue** mortuary; place where bodies are kept before burial or cremation

♡ **cremate** incinerate (a corpse); N. crematory, crematorium

♠ **mace** ceremonial staff used as a symbol of authority; club-like medieval weapon

♠ **macerate** soften by soaking in liquid; waste away; Ex. macerate powdered wood to make paper

♠ **Machiavellian** crafty; double-dealing; of the political doctrine of Machiavelli, which holds that craft and deceit are justified in pursuing political power

♠ **machinations** evil schemes or plots; schemes or plots to achieve an evil end; V. machinate

♠ **maculated** spotted; stained; CF. immaculate

♠ **madrigal** pastoral song; song for several singers without instruments

♠ **maelstrom** violent whirlpool; violent or turbulent situation; CF. stream

♠ **magisterial** authoritative; imperious; commanding; of a magistrate; Ex. magisterial study of Roman law; Ex. magisterial manner

♡ **magistrate** official with power to administer the law

□ **magnanimity** generosity; ADJ. magnanimous: generous

♠ **magnate** person of prominence or influence; powerful or influential person (in business or industry); Ex. oil magnate

□ **magniloquent** boastful; pompous

□ **magnitude** greatness (in size or extent); extent

♠ **maim** mutilate; injure lastingly; disable; cripple; Ex. maimed for life

♡ **mangle** tear or cut to pieces; mutilate or disfigure; Ex. badly mangled bodies

□ **maladroit** clumsy; not skillful; awkward; bungling

□ **malady** illness

♠ **malaise** uneasiness; vague feeling of ill health (without any particular pain or appearance of disease)

♠ **malapropism** comic misuse of a word; CF. Mrs. Malaprop

♡ **malapropos** inappropriate; ADV.

□ **malcontent** person dissatisfied with existing state of affairs; discontented person; ADJ: discontented

□ **malediction** curse

□ **malefactor** evildoer; criminal

♡ **maleficient** doing evil; N. maleficence

□ **malevolent** wishing evil; exhibiting ill will; N. malevolence

♠ **malfeasance** wrongdoing; misconduct (by a public official)

□ **malicious** hateful; spiteful; expressing malice; N. malice: desire to harm others; spite

□ **malign** speak evil of; bad-mouth(criticize spitefully); defame; ADJ: harmful; Ex. malign influence

□ **malignant** tending to cause death; highly injurious; aggressively malevolent; Ex. malignant tumor

□ **malingeringer** one who feigns illness to escape duty; V. malingering: feign illness to avoid work

♠ **malleable** (of a metal) capable of being shaped by pounding(beating); pliable; (of someone) impressionable(easily influenced); easily controlled; tractable

□ **malodorous** foul-smelling

♡ **compost** mixture of decaying organic matter used as fertilizer; V: put or make compost

□ **mammal** vertebrate animal whose female suckles its young

♡ **vertebrate** having a backbone or spinal column; N: group of animals having a segmented spinal column

♡ **suckle** give or take milk at the breast or udder

♡ **nurse** suckle; take care of (as a nurse); bear in mind; Ex. nursing mother; Ex. nurse a hope/grudge against someone

□ **mammoth** gigantic; enormous

□ **manacle** restrain; handcuff; N.

♠ **mandate** order; charge; authoritative command; power to govern another country; power to be given to a government; region under administration; V: give a mandate to; place under a mandate; Ex. mandated territory

□ **mandatory** obligatory; compulsory; of a mandate

♠ **mangy** shabby; wretched; suffering from mange; of bad appearance

♡ **mange** skin disease (esp. of domestic animals) marked by loss of hair

□ **maniacal** raging mad; insane; N. maniac: insane person; CF. mania: disorder of the mind; intense enthusiasm

□ **manifest** evident; visible; obvious; V: show plainly

♠ **manifestation** outward demonstration; manifesting; indication of the presence of something; Ex. manifestation of his pronounced musical bent

♡ **pronounced** distinct; very noticeable; Ex. pronounced limp

□ **manifesto** public declaration of principles; statement of policy

♠ **manifold** many in number or kind; numerous; varied

♠ **manipulate** operate with one's hands; control or play upon (people, forces, etc.) artfully; maneuver; Ex. how to manipulate publicity and men; ADJ. manipulative

♠ **mannered** affected; not natural; Ex. mannered way of speech

♡ **mannerism** distinctive behavioral trait; affected style in art (according to a set of styles)

♠ **manumit** emancipate; free from slavery or bondage

□ **marital** pertaining to marriage

♠ **maritime** bordering on(adjacent to) the sea; nautical; of the ships or the sea; Ex. Maritime Provinces

□ **marked** noticeable; targeted for vengeance or attack; Ex. marked improvement/man

♠ **marred** damaged; disfigured; V. mar: spoil; disfigure

♠ **marshal** put in order; guide ceremoniously to the correct place; Ex. marshal the children into the museum; N: military officer; official

♡ **enlist** (cause to) join the armed forces; obtain (help, sympathy, or support)

♠ **marsupial** one of a family of mammals that nurse their offspring in a pouch(pocket of skin or leather); CF. kangaroo, opossum, wombat

□ **martial** warlike; of war; Ex. martial art/law

♡ **cadet** student at a military school

♠ **martinet** strict disciplinarian; person who demands total obedience to rules and orders; CF. Jean Martinet

□ **martyr** one who voluntarily suffers death for his or her religion or cause; great sufferer; Ex. martyr to his rheumatism

□ **masochist** person who enjoys his own pain; CF. masochism

♠ **masticate** chew

□ **materialism** preoccupation with physical comforts and things; excessive regard for worldly concerns (rather than spiritual matters)

□ **maternal** motherly; N. maternity: motherhood

□ **matriarch** woman who rules a family or larger social group

♠ **matriculate** enroll (in college or graduate school); CF. matrix

♠ **matrix** point of origin; array of numbers or algebraic symbols; mold or die; Ex. the matrix of Western civilization

♠ **maudlin** effusively sentimental

♡ **sentimental** swayed by sentiment; appealing to the sentiments

♠ **maul** handle roughly; batter; injure by beating; Ex. mauled by his overexcited fans; N: heavy long-handled hammer

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♠ **mausoleum** monumental tomb; large stately tomb; CF. Mausolos

♠ **mauve** pale purple

♠ **maverick** rebel; nonconformist (in a group)

♠ **mawkish** mushy(sentimental) and gushy; icky-sticky sentimental; excessively and objectionably sentimental

□ **maxim** proverb; truth pithily stated

♠ **mayhem** injury to body; crime of willfully maiming or crippling a person; violent disorder; Ex. mayhem in the zoo; CF. maim

□ **meager** scanty; inadequate

♠ **mealy-mouthed** indirect in speech (when something unpleasant must be said); hypocritical; evasive

♠ **meander** wind or turn in its course; follow a winding or turning course; move aimlessly and idly

♠ **meddlesome** interfering; V. meddle: interfere

□ **mediate** settle a dispute through the services of an outsider; act as an intermediary; produce by mediating; Ex. mediate a cease-fire

♡ **intermediary** intermediate; acting as a mediator; N: mediator; go-between

□ **mediocre** ordinary; commonplace; neither good nor bad

□ **meditation** reflection; thought; V. meditate

□ **medium** element that is a creature's natural environment; nutrient setting in which microorganisms are cultivated; appropriate occupation or means of expression; channel of communication; compromise; middle position between extremes; intervening substance through which something else is transmitted

♠ **medley** mixture

♠ **meek** submissive; patient and long-suffering

♡ **suitor** man who is courting a woman

♠ **megalomania** mania for doing grandiose things; mental disorder characterized by delusions of wealth, power, or importance

□ **melancholy** gloomy; morose; blue; N. ADJ. melancholic; CF. melancholia

♡ **blue** gloomy; depressed

□ **melee** fight

♠ **mellifluous** (of words or a voice) sweetly or smoothly flowing; melodious; having a pleasant tune

♠ **memento** token; reminder of the past; keepsake; Ex. memento of your visit

□ **memorialize** commemorate

♡ **memorial** something, such as a monument or holiday, intended to honor the memory of a person or event; ADJ: commemorative

♠ **menagerie** collection of wild animals on exhibition; zoo

♠ **mendacious** lying; habitually dishonest; N. mendacity

♠ **mendicant** beggar; ADJ: living as a beggar

♡ **alms** money or goods given to the poor

♠ **menial** suitable for servants; lowly; mean; N: someone who does menial work (esp. servant in a house)

♠ **mentor** counselor; teacher

♠ **mercantile** concerning trade or merchants

□ **mercenary** motivated solely by money or gain; N.

♠ **mercurial** capricious; quick and changing; fickle; containing the element mercury; Ex. mercurial temper; CF. mood

♡ **quicksilver** mercury

♠ **meretricious** flashy; tawdry; attractive on the surface but of no real value; Ex. metericious argument/jewel; CF. prostitute

♡ **vulgar** of the common people; deficient in refinement; not refined; coarse; Ex. vulgar display of wealth; N. vulgarism: vulgarity; crudely indecent word; CF. vulgarian: vulgar person; boor; lout

♠ **merger** combination (of two business corporations); act of merging

♠ **mesmerize** hypnotize; N. mesmerism; CF. Franz Mesmer

♠ **metallurgical** pertaining to the art of removing metals from ores; N. metallurgy: science that deals with extracting metals from ores

□ **metamorphosis** change of form; Ex. metamorphosis of caterpillar to butterfly; V. metamorphose: change by metamorphosis

□ **metaphor** implied comparison; CF. simile

♡ **soar** rise or fly high in the air; Ex. The rocket soared into the sky.

□ **metaphysical** pertaining to speculative philosophy; of metaphysics; N. metaphysics: branch of philosophy that examines the nature of reality

♠ **mete** measure; distribute; administer; Ex. mete out justice/punishment

□ **meteoric** like a meteor; swift; momentarily brilliant; Ex. meteoric rise to fame; N. meteor

□ **methodical** systematic; N. method: systematic method of procedure

□ **meticulous** excessively careful (with great attention to detail); painstaking; scrupulous

□ **metropolis** large city

♠ **mettle** courage (to continue bravely in spite of difficulties); spirit; ADJ. mettlesome

♠ **miasma** swamp gas; heavy vaporous atmosphere often emanating from decaying matter; pervasive corrupting influence; noxious atmosphere or influence

♡ **swamp** wetland; marsh; V: flood; overwhelm; drench in with liquid

□ **microcosm** small representative world; world in miniature; Ex. microcosm of English society

♡ **miniature** small model; small painting; ADJ: small

□ **migrant** changing its habitat; wandering; Ex. migrant birds/workers; N: one that migrates

□ **migratory** wandering; V. migrate: move from one region and settle in another; move periodically from one region to another

♠ **milieu** social environment; means of expression; Ex. feel out of one's milieu; Ex. His proper milieu is watercolor. =

□ **militant** combative; bellicose; N.

♠ **militate** work against; Ex. militate against the chances of promotion; CF. serve as a soldier

♡ **militia** army composed of ordinary citizens rather than professional soldiers

□ **millennium** thousand-year period (as in the New Testament); hoped-for period of happiness and prosperity

□ **mimicry** imitation

♡ **mime** pantomime(act without dialogue); mimicry; mimer; V: mimic; pantomime

♠ **minatory** menacing; threatening

♠ **mincing** affectedly dainty(delicate); V. mince: cut (esp. meat) into very small pieces; walk with exaggerated primeness; walk in an unnatural way, taking little short steps; Ex. The actor minced across the stage; CF. mincemeat; CF. mincer =

♡ **dainty** delicate; delicately beautiful; fastidious; not easy to please; Ex. dainty movement/dress

♡ **exquisite** delicate; very finely made; extremely beautiful; Ex. exquisite piece of jewelry

♡ **choice** delicate; of very fine quality

♠ **minion** servile dependent; obsequious follower

♠ **minuscule(miniscule)** extremely small

□ **minute** extremely small; CF. minutes: official record of the proceedings at a meeting

♠ **minutiae** petty or trivial details; CF. minutia

□ **mirage** unreal reflection; optical illusion

♠ **mire** entangle; stick in swampy ground; stick or sink in mire; N: bog; deep mud; Ex. sucked deeper into the mire

♠ **mirth** merriment; laughter

♠ **misadventure** mischance; ill luck; Ex. death by misadventure

□ **misanthrope** one who hates mankind; misanthropist

♡ **vile** despicable; unpleasant; disgusting; Ex. vile slander

□ **misapprehension** error; misunderstanding; V. misapprehend

□ **miscellany** mixture of writings on various subjects; collection of various items

♡ **miscellaneous** made up of a variety of parts

♠ **mischance** ill luck

□ **misconstrue** interpret incorrectly; misinterpret; misjudge

♠ **miscreant** wretch; wrongdoer; villain; Ex. kindness to the miscreant; CF. believe

♡ **wretch** miserable person; bad or despicable person; ADJ: wretched: miserable; bad; contemptible; vile

□ **misdemeanor** minor crime; misdeed; wrongdoing

♡ **misconduct** immoral behavior; bad management; V. misconduct

□ **miserly** stingy; mean

♠ **misgivings** doubts

♠ **mishap** unfortunate accident

♠ **misnomer** wrong or improper name; incorrect designation

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□ **misogamy** hatred of marriage

□ **misogynist** hater of woman; CF. misogyny

□ **missile** object to be thrown or projected

♠ **missive** letter; written statement; CF. sent =

♠ **mite** very small object or insect-like creature; small coin

□ **mitigate** appease; moderate; make or become less in force or intensity

♠ **mnemonic** pertaining to memory; assisting the memory; N: device, such as as formula or rhyme, used as a mnemonic aid

□ **mobile** movable; not fixed; N. mobility

♠ **mock** ridicule; deride; imitate often in derision

□ **mode** prevailing style; current fashion; manner; way of doing something; Ex. in the latest mode; Ex. simple mode of life

♠ **modicum** limited quantity; small amount; Ex. He does not have a modicum of sense; CF. moderate

♠ **modish** fashionable; conforming to the current fashion

♠ **modulate** tone down in intensity; change the intensity or tone of; regulate; change from one musical key to another; Ex. modulate from E to G

♠ **mogul** powerful person; Ex. oil moguls; CF. Mogol, Moghul; CF. Mongolian

□ **molecule** the smallest particle (one or more atoms) of a substance that has all the properties of that substance

♠ **mollify** soothe an angry person

♠ **mollycoddle** pamper; coddle; baby; indulge excessively

♠ **molt(moult)** periodically shed or cast off hairs or feathers (for replacement by a new growth)

♠ **molten** melted; Ex. molten lava

□ **momentous** very important; N. moment; CF. momentary

□ **momentum** quantity of motion of a moving body; impetus; moving force

□ **monarchy** government under a single ruler

□ **monastic** related to monks or monasteries; removed from worldly concerns

□ **monetary** pertaining to money

□ **monochromatic** having only one color

♡ **monochrome** painting in only one color; ADJ.

♡ **monogram** design composed of one or more initials of a name; V.

♡ **monograph** scholarly article

♠ **monolithic** solidly uniform; unchangeable; unyielding; N. monolith: large block of stone

□ **monotheism** belief in one God

□ **monotony** sameness leading to boredom; monotonousness; ADJ. monotonous; CF. monotone

♠ **monumental** massive; impressively large; built as a monument

♠ **moodiness** fits of depression or gloom; ADJ. moody: given to changeable moods; subject to periods of depression; gloomy CF. mood: state of mind or emotion

♠ **moratorium** legal delay of payment or action; Ex. declare moratorium on the building of new houses

♠ **morbid** given to unwholesome or unhealthy thought; moody; characteristic of disease; Ex. morbid curiosity; N. morbidity; CF. disease

♠ **mordant** biting; sarcastic; stinging; (apprec.) incisive; cutting; Ex. mordant pen/wit (→)

♠ **mores** conventions; moral standards; moral customs (+ -)

♠ **moribund** dying; at the point of death; CF. death

♠ **morose** ill-humored; sullen; sullenly melancholy

♠ **mortician** undertaker; CF. death

♡ **undertaker** funeral director; one whose business is to arrange burials

♠ **mortify** humiliate by embarrassing excessively; shame; punish the flesh; discipline (one's body) by self-denial; Ex. mortified by her blunder; Ex. mortify the flesh; CF. cause to die

□ **mosaic** picture made of small colorful inlaid tiles; ADJ.

♠ **mote** small speck (esp. of dust)

♡ **speck** small piece or mark; Ex. speck of dust in the eye

♠ **motif** theme; recurrent thematic element in a musical or literary work; single or repeated pattern; figure

♠ **motility** ability to move spontaneously; ADJ. motile: moving spontaneously

♠ **motley** multi-colored (as of a garment worn by a jester); mixed; heterogeneous; CF. jester: one who jests (as a paid fool at medieval courts)

♡ **motto** brief statement used to express a principle

♠ **mottled** blotched in coloring; spotted; Ex. mottled face; V. mottle: mark with blotches of different colors

♡ **blotch** spot; blot; CF. blot+botch

♡ **blemish** mar; spoil the beauty or perfection of; N: flaw or defect (that spoils perfection); Ex. blemishes in the crystal; CF. unblemished

♠ **mountebank** charlatan; boastful pretender

♡ **peddle** travel about selling (wares); CF. foot

♠ **muddle** confuse; mix up confusedly; N: state of confusion

♠ **muggy** (of weather) warm and damp

♠ **mulct** defraud a person of something; swindle; Ex. mulct the boy of his legacy

♠ **multifarious** varied; greatly diversified; Ex. multifarious activities

□ **multiform** having many forms

□ **multilingual** having many languages; fluent in several languages

□ **multiplicity** state of being numerous or multiple; large number; Ex. multiplicity of details; ADJ. multiple: of more than one element

♠ **mundane** worldly as opposed to spiritual; everyday; of the ordinary; Ex. mundane existence; CF. world

♠ **munificent** very generous in giving; Ex. munificent benefactor; N. munificence

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♠ **mural** wall painting

♠ **murky** dark and gloomy; thick with fog; vague; Ex. murky night/fog; N. murk: partial or complete darkness; gloom

♠ **muse** ponder at length; N: source of inspiration (esp. of a poet)

♠ **musky** having the odor of musk; N. musk: odorous substance secreted by an Asian deer

♠ **muster** gather; assemble (troops); Ex. muster up one's strength for the ordeal; N.

♠ **musty** stale (in odor or taste); spoiled by age; CF. moist

□ **mutability** ability to change in form; fickleness; ADJ. mutable: able to change; fickle; CF. mutate; CF. mutant

□ **muted** silent; muffled; toned down; Ex. muted traffic noise

♡ **mute** silent; without speech; not pronounced; unable to speak; N: one who is incapable of speech; V: soften the sound, color, shade of

♠ **mutilate** maim; injure lastingly; deprive of a limb or an essential part

♠ **mutinous** unruly; rebellious; Ex. mutinous teenagers; N. mutiny: open rebellion; CF. mutineer

♠ **myopic** nearsighted; lacking foresight; N. myopia

♠ **myriad** very large number; ADJ. CF. ten thousand

♠ **nadir** lowest point; point on the celestial sphere diametrically opposite the zenith

□ **naiveté(naivety)** quality of being unsophisticated; simplicity; artlessness; gullibility; ADJ. naive(naïve): ingenuous; lacking worldliness; simple; credulous

□ **narcissist** conceited person; N. narcissism; CF. narcissus

□ **narrative** related to telling a story; N: narrated account; story; V. narrate: tell (a story); CF. narration

♠ **nascent** incipient; coming into being or existence; Ex. nascent ability in music

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□ **natation** swimming

♠ **natty** neatly or smartly dressed; dapper; smart; Ex. natty dresser

♡ **smart** intelligent; quick and energetic; fashionable; Ex. smart pace/restaurant; V: cause or feel a sharp pain; N: smarting pain

□ **nauseate** cause to become sick; fill with disgust; fill nausea

♡ **nausea** feeling of sickness and desire to vomit; disgust; CF. seasickness

♡ **nauseous** causing nausea; feeling nausea

□ **nautical** pertaining to ships or navigation

♠ **navigable** (of a body of water) wide and deep enough to allow ships to pass through; (of a ship or aircraft) able to be steered

♠ **nebulous** vague; hazy; cloudy; of a nebula; Ex. nebulous proposal

♡ **nebula** diffuse mass of interstellar dust or gas; galaxy

♠ **necromancy** black magic; sorcery; dealings with the dead; art that professes to communicate with the spirits of the dead so as to predict the future; CF. necromancer; CF. necro+divination; CF. necro-: death; Ex. necropolis

♠ **nefarious** very wicked

□ **negate** cancel out; nullify; cause to have no effect; deny; N. negation

□ **negligence** neglect; failure to take reasonable care; ADJ. negligent: neglectful; lax; not taking enough care

□ **negligible** so small, trifling, or unimportant as to be easily disregarded

□ **nemesis** someone seeking revenge; source of downfall or ruin; CF. Nemesis

♠ **neologism** new or newly coined word or phrase

♠ **neophyte** recent convert; new member of a religious group; beginner; CF. plant

♠ **nepotism** favoritism (to a relative); CF. nephew

♡ **favoritism** display of partiality toward a favored person

♠ **nether** lower; Ex. nether garments/regions →

♠ **nettle** irritate; annoy; vex; ADJ. nettlesome ↗

♠ **nexus** connection

♠ **nib** beak(bill); pen point

♠ **nicety** precision; accuracy; minute distinction or difference; Ex. to a nicety: exactly; precisely; Ex. distinguish between niceties

♠ **niggardly** meanly stingy; parsimonious; N. niggard: stingy person

♠ **niggle** spend too much time on minor points (esp. when finding fault); find fault; Ex. niggle over details; ADJ. niggling ↗

♠ **nihilist** one who considers traditional beliefs to be groundless and existence meaningless; absolute skeptic; revolutionary terrorist; CF. nihilism: belief that nothing has meaning or value; belief that destruction of existing political or social institutions is necessary for future improvement

♠ **nip** snip off; stop something's growth or development; bite; make numb with cold; Ex. nip the plan; Ex. A guard dog nipped the postman; Ex. fingers nipped by the extreme chill

♡ **snip** short quick cut with scissors; V: cut with scissors

♡ **pinch** squeeze between the thumb and a finger, or other edges; Ex. I had to pinch myself to make sure I wasn't dreaming. N: amount that can be held between the thumb and a finger

♠ **nirvana** in Buddhist teachings, the ideal state in which the individual loses himself in the attainment of an impersonal beatitude

♡ **impersonal** not being a person; not showing personal feelings; Ex. impersonal force/manner/organization

□ **nocturnal** done or active at night; Ex. nocturnal animals/raids; CF. nocturne

♠ **noisome** foul smelling; very unpleasant; unwholesome

□ **nomadic** wandering; N. nomad: tribe who migrates from place to place

□ **nomenclature** terminology(system of specialized words); system of names or naming things

□ **nominal** in name only; of a name; trifling; (of a sum of money) very small; CF. nominate: propose as a candidate; appoint

♠ **nonchalance** indifference; lack of concern; composure; ADJ. nonchalant: unconcerned; cool; indifferent; Ex. nonchalant attitude to his debts

□ **noncommittal** neutral; refusing commitment to a particular opinion; unpledged; undecided

♠ **nondescript** undistinctive; ordinary; ordinary-looking; Ex. nondescript fellow in a crowd

□ **nonentity** person of no importance; nonexistence (→)

♠ **nonplus** put at a loss; bring to a halt by confusion; perplex; CF. no more

□ **nostalgia** homesickness; longing for the past; Ex. nostalgia for the clothes of 1920s; ADJ. nostalgic

♠ **nostrum** questionable medicine; quack medicine; CF. our (remedy) (→)

□ **notable** conspicuous; worthy of note; remarkable; important; distinguished; noted

□ **notoriety** disrepute; ill fame

♡ **nova** star that suddenly becomes much brighter and then returns to its original brightness

♠ **novelty** something new; newness; ADJ. novel: new; original

□ **novice** beginner

□ **noxious** harmful; CF. obnoxious

♠ **nuance** shade of slight difference in meaning or color; subtle distinction

♡ **shade** slight difference in degree; nuance; degree of color; Ex. shades of meaning/grey

♡ **gradation** series of gradual stages; degree in such a progression

♠ **nubile** marriageable; of marriageable age; CF. connubial

♠ **nugatory** worthless; futile (→)

□ **nullify** make invalid; make null; invalidate

♠ **numismatist** person who collects coins; N. numismatics: study or collection of money, coins, and medals

♠ **nuptial** related to marriage or the wedding ceremony; N. nuptials: wedding ceremony

♠ **nurture** nourish; feed; educate; rear; care for while it is growing or developing; foster; cultivate; N: something that nourishes; rearing

♠ **nutrient** nourishing substance; ADJ: providing nourishment

♡ **nutrition** process of nourishing or being nourished; CF. malnutrition

♡ **nutritious** providing nourishment

♡ **nourish** provide with food necessary for life and growth

♡ **nourishment** something that nourishes; food

♠ **oaf** stupid awkward person; CF. elf

□ **obdurate** stubborn; refusing to change one's belief

□ **obeisance** bow (to show respect and obedience)

□ **obelisk** tall column tapering(becoming gradually narrower toward the end) and ending in a pyramid

□ **obese** excessively fat; N. obesity

♠ **obfuscate** confuse; muddle; cause confusion; make needlessly complex; make so confused as to be difficult to understand

♠ **obituary** death notice (esp. in a newspaper); ADJ.

□ **objective** not influenced by emotions; fair; N: goal; aim

□ **obligatory** binding; required; compulsory; V. oblige: constrain; make grateful; do a favor; accommodate

□ **oblique** indirect; slanting (deviating from the perpendicular or from a straight line); Ex. oblique reference

□ **obliterate** destroy completely; wipe out; Ex. obliterate the village

□ **oblivion** obscurity; condition of being completely forgotten; forgetfulness

♠ **oblivious** inattentive or unmindful; unaware; wholly absorbed; forgetful(having the habit of forgetting)

□ **obloquy** slander; disgrace; infamy

♠ **obnoxious** offensive; disagreeable; Ex. obnoxious smell

□ **obscure** dark; vague; unclear; not well known; Ex. obscure meaning/village; V: darken; cover; make unclear; Ex. obscure the moon/meaning

□ **obsequious** slavishly attentive; servile; full of servile compliance; sycophantic

♡ **slavish** of or like a slave; servile; showing no originality; copied very closely; Ex. slavish devotion/copy of the original

□ **obsequy** funeral ceremony

□ **obsessive** related to thinking about something constantly; of an obsession; preoccupying; N. obsession: compulsive preoccupation with a fixed idea; compulsive idea; V. obsess: preoccupy the mind of excessively

□ **obsidian** black volcanic rock (→)

♡ **scion** detached plant shoot used in grafting; descendant

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□ **obsolete** outmoded; no longer used

□ **obstetrician** physician specializing in delivery(assisting in giving birth) of babies; N. obstetrics; CF. midwife

□ **obstinate** stubborn; hard to control or treat; Ex. obstinate cough; N. obstinacy

□ **obstreperous** boisterous; noisy and uncontrollable

♠ **obtrude** push (oneself or one's ideas) forward or intrude; impose (oneself or one's ideas) on others; butt in; stick out or extrude; thrust out; Ex. obtrude A on B; ADJ. obtrusive; N. obtrusion; CF. unobtrusive

□ **obtuse** blunt; not sharp; stupid; slow in understanding

□ **obviate** make unnecessary; get rid of; Ex. obviate the need

□ **Occident** the West

♠ **occlude** shut; close; obstruct; Ex. A blood clot occluded an artery.

□ **occult** mysterious; secret; supernatural; beyond human comprehension; CF. mysterious to human ?; OP. bare

□ **oculist** physician who specializes in treatment of the eyes

♠ **odious** arousing strong dislike; hateful(causing hatred); vile

♠ **odium** detestation; quality of being odious; hatefulness; disrepute (resulting from hateful conduct)

♠ **odoriferous** giving off an odor

□ **odorous** having an odor

♠ **odyssey** long, eventful, adventurous journey

□ **offensive** attacking; insulting; distasteful; V. offend: violate; hurt the feelings of; N. offense: offending; violating of a moral or social code; crime; attack; Ex. first offense

□ **offhand** casual; done without prior thought or preparation

♠ **officious** meddlesome; excessively pushy in offering one's services; overly eager in offering unwanted services or advices; Ex. officious bellboy

♡ **pushy** disagreeably aggressive

← neg extreme

♠ **ogle** look at amorously; make eyes at; Ex. old men ogling young girls

♠ **olfactory** concerning the sense of smell

□ **oligarchy** government by a privileged few

□ **ominous** threatening; of an evil omen

♡ **threat** sign or warning (of coming danger); Ex. threat of rain; V: express a threat; give warning of (something bad); Ex. The cloud threatens rain.

□ **omnipotent** all-powerful; having unlimited power

□ **omnipresent** universally present; ubiquitous

□ **omniscient** all-knowing

□ **omnivorous** eating both plant and animal food; devouring everything

♠ **onerous** burdensome

♠ **onomatopoeia** words formed in imitation of natural sounds

♡ **rustle** make slight sounds like silk moving or being rubbed together

□ **onslaught** vicious assault; fierce attack; Ex. unexpected onslaught of the enemy

♡ **slaughter** killing of animals for food; massacre; V: butcher (animals) for food; kill in large numbers

♠ **onus** burden; responsibility

♡ **spare** give; use; refrain from harming; save from experiencing; exempt; Ex. spare me 5 minutes; Ex. Take this money and spare my life; Ex. The emperor was spared the onus; ADJ: kept in reserve; free for other use; unoccupied; Ex. spare time

♠ **opalescent** iridescent; lustrous; like an opal; N. opalescence

□ **opaque** dark; not transparent; N. opacity

□ **opiate** medicine to induce sleep or deaden pain; something that relieves emotions or causes inaction; sleep-producing drug containing opium

□ **opportune** timely; well-chosen

□ **opportunist** individual who sacrifices principles for expediency by taking advantage of circumstances; N. opportunism

♠ **opprobrium** infamy; disgrace arising from shameful conduct; vilification(slander); scorn; contempt; Ex. opprobrium hurled against him; ADJ. opprobrious: expressing contempt; shameful or infamous

□ **optician** maker and seller of eyeglasses

□ **optimist** person who looks on the bright side; N. optimism

□ **optimum** most favorable; optimal; N: most favorable condition

□ **optional** not compulsory; left to one's choice; N. option: act of choosing; choice; freedom or power to choose; something available as a choice; Ex. have no option; Ex. two options

□ **optometrist** one who fits glasses to remedy visual defects

□ **opulence** extreme wealth; luxuriousness; abundance; ADJ. opulent: possessing great wealth; abundant

♠ **opus** work (esp. musical composition); Ex. magnum opus: masterpiece; CF. opera

♠ **oracular** of an oracle; prophetic; uttered as if with divine authority; mysterious or ambiguous; hard to understand; N. oracle: wiser person; prophecy made by an oracle

□ **orator** public speaker

□ **oratorio** dramatic poem set to music; long musical work with singing but without acting; CF. cantata

♠ **ordain** decree or command; grant holy orders; predestine; install as a minister, priest, or rabbi; N. ordainment; CF. ordination

□ **ordeal** severe trial or affliction; difficult experience; trial(test of patience or endurance); affliction

□ **ordinance** decree; authoritative order

♠ **ordination** ceremony conferring holy orders; ceremony of ordaining a priest

♠ **orgy** wild drunken revelry; unrestrained indulgence in an activity; Ex. orgy of shopping

□ **orient** get one's bearings; adjust; make familiar with a situation; orientate

□ **orientation** act of finding oneself in society; orienting

♠ **orifice** mouthlike opening; small opening (esp. to a cavern or passage of the body); CF. mouth

□ **ornate** excessively or elaborately decorated

♠ **ornithologist** scientific student of birds; N. ornithology: scientific study of birds

□ **orthodox** traditional; (of someone) conservative in belief; adhering to an established doctrine

♠ **orthography** correct spelling; CF. ortho-: straight; correct; Ex. orthodontics

□ **oscillate** vibrate pendulumlike; waver

♠ **osseous** made of bone; bony

♠ **ossify** change or harden into bone; become hard and unchanging in one's ideas →

□ **ostensible** apparent; appearing as such; professed (pretended); pretended; Ex. ostensible purpose of the expedition

♡ **apparent** evident; easily seen or understood; appearing as such; Ex. apparent improvement

♠ **ostentatious** showy; trying to attract attention; pretentious; N. ostentation: showy display

♠ **ostracize** banish from a group; exclude from public favor; ban; Ex. His friends ostracized him. N. ostracism

♡ **blackball** vote against (an applicant); ostracize; N: negative vote →

♠ **oust** expel; drive out; force out; N. ouster: ousting

□ **outlandish** bizarre; peculiar; unconventional

□ **outmoded** no longer in fashion or use; no longer stylish; old-fashioned

♠ **outskirts** fringes; outer borders (as of a city); Ex. outskirts of Boston

□ **outspoken** candid; blunt

♡ **blunt** having a dull edge; abrupt and frank in speech or manner; brusque; V: make or become blunt

♠ **outstrip** outrun; surpass; outdo

□ **outwit** outsmart; defeat by behaving more cleverly

♠ **ovation** enthusiastic applause

□ **overbearing** bossy; domineering and arrogant; decisively important; Ex. overbearing manner/importance; V. overbear: dominate

□ **overt** open to view; public; not secret; CF. covert

♠ **overweening** arrogant; presumptuous

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♠ **overwrought** nervous or excited; extremely agitated; hysterical; wrought-up; CF. wrought: made or done

♡ **hysteria** excessive or uncontrollable excitement; N. hysterical: person suffering from hysteria; CF. hysterics: attack of hysteria

□ **ovoid** egg-shaped; CF. ovum; CF. ovulate

□ **pachyderm** thick-skinned animal

□ **pacifist** one opposed to force; antimilitarist; ADJ. N. pacifism: opposition to war as a means of resolving disputes

□ **pacify** soothe; make calm or quiet; subdue; bring peace to

♠ **paean** song of praise or joy; Ex. paens celebrating the victory

♠ **painstaking** taking pains; showing hard work; taking great care; very careful and thorough

♠ **palatable** agreeable; pleasing to the taste

♠ **palate** roof of the mouth; sense of the taste

see
image

♠ **palatial** of or suitable for a palace; magnificent

♠ **paleontology** study of prehistoric life or fossils: ancient or prehistoric; Ex. paleography: study of ancient written documents

□ **palette** board on which painter mixes pigments (coloring matters)

♠ **palimpsest** parchment or piece of writing material used for second time after original writing has been erased

♡ **parchment** writing material made from the skin of a sheep or goat

♠ **pall** become boring; grow tiresome

♠ **pallet** small poor bed; Ex. straw pallet

♠ **palliate** ease pain (without curing); make less severe or offensive (a crime or illness)

♠ **pallid** pale; wan; Ex. pallid complexion

□ **palpable** tangible; (of something bad) easily perceptible; obvious; Ex. palpable blunder

♠ **palpitate** throb; beat rapidly; flutter; tremble; Ex. Her heart began to palpitate.

♡ **throb** (of a heart or machine) beat rapidly or violently; N. Ex. hearthrob: heartbeat; sweetheart

♠ **paltry** insignificant; petty; trifling; contemptible; Ex. paltry sum; CF. trash →

♠ **pan** criticize harshly

□ **panacea** cure-all; remedy for all diseases

♠ **panache** flair; manner of doing things without any difficulty (causing admiration); flamboyance; bunch of feathers (on a helmet); Ex. with great panache; CF.

□ **pandemic** widespread; affecting the majority of people; N. pandemic disease; CF. all people

□ **pandemonium** wild tumult (commotion); wild noisy disorder; CF. Paradise Lost

♠ **pander** cater to (the low desires of others)

♡ **cater** provide food and drink (for); cater to: try to satisfy (desires of a bad kind)

♠ **panegyric** formal praise; encomium; Ex. I don't deserve such panegyrics.

□ **panoramic** denoting an unobstructed and comprehensive view; N. panorama: unbroken view of a wide area

- **pantomime** acting without dialogue; V.
- **papyrus** ancient paper made from stem of papyrus plant
- ♠ **parable** short simple story teaching a moral
- **paradigm** model; example that serves as a model; pattern; list of all the inflectional forms of a word
- **paradox** something apparently contradictory in nature (that may nonetheless be true); statement that looks false but is actually correct
- **paragon** model of perfection; Ex. paragon of virtue
- **parallelism** state of being parallel; similarity; analogy
- ♡ **parallel** similar; analogous; corresponding; N: parallel line; person or thing that is parallel (to another); similarity; Ex. know of no parallel to the case; Ex. without parallel; V: be similar to; make parallel; Ex. Your experience parallels mine; CF. unparalleled
- ♠ **parameter** limit; independent variable; Ex. parameters of the problem; Ex. within the parameters of the budget
- **paramount** foremost in importance; supreme; CF. para-: beyond; above; Ex. paranormal
- **paramour** illicit lover
- ♡ **inamorata** woman whom a man loves
- **paranoia** psychosis marked by delusions of grandeur or persecution; N: ADJ: paranoid, paranoiac
- **paraphernalia** equipment; odds and ends used in a particular activity; personal belongings; Ex. photographic paraphernalia; CF. married woman's property exclusive of her dowry
- ♡ **dowry** money or property brought by a bride to her husband at marriage
- **paraphrase** restate a passage in one's own words while retaining thought of author; N: restatement of a text in other words
- **parasite** animal or plant living on another; toady; sycophant; CF. para-: beside
- ♡ **infest** inhabit in numbers large enough to be harmful; Ex. Mice infested the house; Ex. shark-infested waters
- ♠ **parched** extremely dry; very thirsty; V. parch: make or become extremely dry (by exposure to heat)
- ♠ **pariah** social outcast; Ex. Mariah the pariah
- ♡ **outcast** one that has been excluded from a society; ADJ.
- **parity** equality; close resemblance; CF. disparate
- ♠ **parlance** language; manner of speaking; idiom; Ex. in legal/common parlance
- ♠ **parley** conference (between opponents); CF. speak
- ♠ **parochial** narrow in scope or outlook; provincial; related to parishes
- ♡ **parish** area in the care of a single priest and served by one main church
- ♡ **outlook** point of view; view from a particular place; expectation for the future; prospect; Ex. outlook on life; Ex. pleasing outlook; Ex. weather outlook
- **parody** humorous imitation; spoof; takeoff; travesty; V.
- ♡ **spoof** parody
- ♡ **takeoff** burlesque; act of leaving the ground
- **paroxysm** fit or attack of pain, laughter, rage; sudden outburst
- ♠ **parquet** floor made of wood strips inlaid in a mosaic like matter; CF. strip: long narrow piece
- **parry** ward off a blow; deflect; Ex. He parried the unwelcome question very skillfully; N. CF.
- ♡ **ward** administrative division of a city; division in a hospital or prison; incompetent person placed under the protection of a guardian; V: guard; ward off: avert
- **parsimony** stinginess; excessive frugality; ADJ. parsimonious
- **partial** incomplete; favoring one side over another; having a liking for something
- **partiality** state of being partial; inclination; favorable bias; special fondness; preference
- ♠ **partisan** one-sided; prejudiced; committed to a party (with dislike of any others); N: strong supporter of a party; guerrilla
- ♡ **parvenu** upstart; newly rich person
- **partition** divide into parts
- ♠ **passé** old-fashioned; past the prime
- **passive** not active; acted upon; receiving an action without acting in return; accepting without resistance
- ♠ **pastiche** imitation of another's style in musical composition or in writing; work of art openly imitating the works of other artists
- **pastoral** rural; of rural life; idyllic; of a pastor
- **patent** obvious; easily seen; open for the public to read; of or protected by a patent; Ex. patent to everyone; N.
- **pathetic** causing sadness, compassion, pity; touching
- ♡ **touching** causing a feeling of pity or sympathy; pathetic; V. touch: cause to feel pity or sympathy; ADJ. touched
- **pathological** pertaining to disease; N. pathology: study of disease
- ♠ **pathos** tender sorrow; pity; quality in art or literature that produces these feelings; Ex. pathos that runs through the novel
- ♠ **patina** green crust on old bronze works or copper; tone slowly taken by varnished painting
- ♡ **varnish** paint used to coat a surface with a glossy film; glossy coating produced by using this substance; Ex. nail varnish; V.
- ♠ **patois** local or provincial dialect
- **patriarch** father and ruler of a family or tribe
- ♠ **patrician** noble; aristocratic; N: person of high rank; aristocrat; CF. member of the governing classes in ancient Rome; CF. plebian

□ **patronize** support; act superior toward; treat in a condescending manner; be a customer of; N. patron: one that supports; regular customer; N. patronage; CF. boycott

□ **paucity** scarcity; dearth

□ **pauper** very poor person

♠ **peccadillo** slight offense or fault; CF. sin

♡ **swipe** hit with a sweeping motion; N.

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□ **pecuniary** pertaining to money

□ **pedagogue** teacher; CF. child leader

□ **pedagogy** teaching; art of education

♠ **pedant** scholar who overemphasizes book learning, trivial details of learning, or technicalities

♠ **pedantic** bookish; showing off learning; marked by an excessive ostentatious concern for book learning; N. pedantry

negative extreme;
scholarly is neutral/
positive

♡ **bookish** fond of books and reading

♡ **studious** given to diligent study

♠ **pedestrian** ordinary; dull; unimaginative(lacking in imagination); going on foot; Ex. pedestrian prose; N.

♡ **precinct** division of a city for election or police purposes; precincts: space that surrounds a building; Ex. precincts of the college

♡ **pedigree** ancestry; lineage

□ **pediatrician** physician specializing in children's diseases; N. pediatrics

□ **peerless** having no equal; incomparable

♡ **peer** one who has equal standing with another; nobleman; V: look intently; N. peerage; CF. peeress

♠ **pejorative** (of a word or phrase) suggesting that someone is of little value; negative in connotation; having a belittling effect; Ex. Many women now consider "housewife" a pejorative expression, because it patronized them.

♠ **pell-mell** in confusion; disorderly; Ex. dash pell-mell

♠ **pellucid** transparent; limpid(crystal clear); clear in meaning; easy to understand

♠ **penance** self-imposed punishment for sin; Ex. do penance for one's sins; CF. penitent

♠ **penchant** strong inclination; strong liking (esp. for something that is disapproved of by other people); Ex. penchant for fast cars

□ **pendant(pendent)** hanging down from something; pending; N: ornament (hanging from a necklace etc.)

♡ **pending** not yet decided or settled; impending; Ex. pending decision; PREP. while awaiting; until; Ex. delay the decision pending his return

♠ **pendulous** hanging; suspended

♡ **suspend** cause to stop for a period; interrupt; hold in abeyance; defer; hang from above; exclude for a period from a position; Ex. suspended state; Ex. suspend judgment; Ex. suspended from the team; N. suspension

♡ **suspense** state of being undecided; anxiety or apprehension resulting from uncertainty

□ **penitent** repentant; N.

♠ **pensive** dreamily or deeply thoughtful; sadly thoughtful; thoughtful with a hint of sadness; contemplative; CF. think over

♠ **penumbra** partial shadow (in an eclipse); CF. almost shadow

□ **penury** extreme poverty; stinginess; ADJ. penurious: very poor; stingy

♠ **peon** landless agricultural worker; bond servant; menial worker; N. peonage

□ **perceptive** insightful; showing a good ability at perceiving and understanding; aware; wise; of perception

♠ **percussion** striking one object against another sharply; Ex. percussion instrument; N: striking together of two bodies; sound caused by percussion

♠ **perdition** damnation; complete ruin; hell

♡ **damn** condemn; criticize severely; condemn to everlasting punishment; doom; bring to ruin; N. damnation

♡ **doom** condemnation to a severe penalty; ruin; fate (esp. a tragic or ruinous one); V.

□ **peregrination** journey; V. peregrinate

♠ **peremptory** demanding and leaving no choice; imperative; Ex. peremptory decree/knock

□ **perennial** something long-lasting; perennial plant; ADJ: lasting through the year or many years; lasting for a long time; enduring

□ **perfidious** treacherous; disloyal; N. perfidy: treachery

□ **perforate** pierce; put a hole through

□ **perfunctory** done routinely and with little care; superficial; not thorough; lacking interest, care, or enthusiasm; Ex. perfunctory kiss

□ **perigee** point of moon's orbit when it is nearest the earth; CF. apogee

□ **perimeter** outer boundary; length of the outer boundary; circumference

♡ **bound** leap or spring; limit or confine; constitute the limit of; Ex. bounded by Canada; N: leap or jumping; boundary; ADJ: certain; having a duty to do something (legally or morally); confined by bonds; Ex. We are bound to be late; Ex. I am bound to say my opinion; CF. bounce, rebound

♠ **peripatetic** walking about from place to place (to work); moving; Ex. peripatetic school of philosophy

♠ **peripheral** of a periphery; marginal; outer; of minor importance; not central; Ex. peripheral nerve/interest

♠ **periphery** outside edge especially of a round surface; perimeter; Ex. periphery of the town

□ **perjury** false testimony while under oath; V. perjure oneself: testify falsely under oath

□ **permeable** that can be permeated; penetrable; porous; allowing liquids or gas to pass through; V. permeate: spread or flow throughout; charge

♠ **pernicious** very harmful; deadly; very destructive; Ex. pernicious effect/anemia

♠ **peroration** conclusion of an oration; perorating; V. perorate: conclude a speech; speak at great length

♠ **perpetrate** commit an offense; do (something wrong)

□ **perpetual** everlasting

□ **perpetuate** make perpetual; make something last for a long time; preserve from extinction; N. perpetuity

♠ **perquisite(perk)** any gain above stipulated salary; Ex. perquisites such as free meals and a car

♠ **personable** attractive (in personality or appearance)

□ **perspicacious** (of someone) having insight; penetrating; astute

□ **perspicuity** clearness of expression; freedom from ambiguity

□ **perspicuous** (of something) plainly expressed; easy to understand; Ex. perspicuous comments

♠ **pert** (esp. of a girl or young woman) impertinent; forward; trim; jaunty; Ex. pert young miss/hat

♡ **forward** presumptuous or bold

□ **pertinacious** holding tenaciously to an action; stubborn; persistent

□ **pertinent** suitable; to the point; relevant

□ **perturb** disturb greatly

♠ **peruse** read through with care; N. perusal

□ **pervasive** spread throughout; V. pervade: (of smells, ideas, feelings) spread throughout; charge; permeate

♠ **perverse** purposely continuing to do something wrong; stubbornly wrongheaded; perverted; directed away from what is right; wicked and unacceptable; Ex. perverse satisfaction; Ex. Hannibal Lecter in a perverse mood; N. perversity

□ **perversion** corruption; turning from right to wrong

♡ **pervert** corrupt; turn from right to wrong; misuse; Ex. perverted sexual desire/scientific knowledge; N: person whose sexual behavior is not natural

♡ **wrongheaded** stubbornly wrong

□ **pessimism** belief that life is basically bad or evil; gloominess; tendency to take the gloomiest possible view of a situation; ADJ. pessimistic

♠ **pestilential(pestilent)** causing plague; tending to cause death; baneful; N. pestilence: fatal epidemic disease (esp. bubonic plague)

♠ **pestle** tool for mashing or grinding substances in a hard bowl or mortar

♡ **mortar** vessel in see image a pestle

♡ **mash** crush into mash; convert into mash; N: mixture of ground grain and nutrients fed to livestock and fowl

♠ **petrify** turn to stone; cause to become stonelike; stun or paralyze

□ **petty** trivial; unimportant; very small; small-minded; petty-minded

♠ **petulant** touchy; peevish; ill-tempered

♡ **phalanx** formation of infantry carrying overlapping shields and long spears; group of men packed together (for attack or defense)

♠ **pharisaical** pertaining to the Pharisees, who paid scrupulous attention to tradition; self-righteous; hypocritical

♡ **pharisee** Pharisee: member of an ancient Jewish group that emphasized strict observance of the Mosaic law (considering themselves very holy); hypocritical self-righteous person

♡ **self-righteous** sure of one's own righteousness; moralistic

♠ **phenomena** observable facts; subjects of scientific investigation; SG. phenomenon: observable fact; very unusual person, thing, or event; marvel; wonder; CF. phenomenons; ADJ. phenomenal: very unusual; extraordinary; of a phenomenon; Ex. phenomenal strength

□ **philanderer** faithless lover; flirt (→)

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□ **philanthropist** lover of mankind; doer of good; N. philanthropy

♠ **philatelist** stamp-collector; N. philately: stamp collecting

♠ **philistine** narrow-minded person, uncultured and exclusively interested in material gain; uncultured person who is indifferent to artistic and cultural values; member of an ancient people in Palestine; OP. aesthete

♠ **philology** study of language or words

♠ **phlegmatic** calm and unexcitable; not easily disturbed; CF. phlegm: sticky mucus produced in the respiratory tract

□ **phobia** morbid fear

□ **phoenix** symbol of immortality or rebirth; Ex. phoenix rising from its ashes

♠ **phylum** major classification, second to kingdom, of plants and animals; category ranking below a kingdom and above a class; division

♠ **physiognomy** face (as showing the character and the mind); art of judging human character from facial features

♠ **physiological** pertaining to the science of the function of living organisms; N. physiology

♠ **piebald** of different colors; mottled; spotted in different colors (esp. in black and white); Ex. piebald horse; CF. pie+bald

♠ **piecemeal** one part at a time; gradually; in stages; Ex. read a novel piecemeal

♠ **pied** piebald; variegated(many-colored); multicolored

□ **piety** devoutness; reverence for God; ADJ. pious

♠ **pigment** coloring matter (usually powder to be mixed with water or oil)

□ **pillage** plunder

□ **pillory** punish by placing in a wooden frame or pillory; subject or expose to criticism and ridicule; N.

♠ **pine** long for; yearn; languish from longing or grief; decline

♠ **pinion** restrain or immobilize by binding the wings or legs; N: bird's wing

□ **pinnacle** peak; highest point; acme; Ex. pinnacle of fame

□ **pious** devout; religious; N. piety

♠ **piquant** pleasantly tart-tasting; spicy; pleasantly stimulating; Ex. piquant situation when my old enemy asked for my help

♡ **tart** sharp to the taste; acid-tasting; caustic; sarcastic; Ex. tart apple/reply

♡ **sour** having a sharp or acid taste; acid; tart; bad-tempered; V.

□ **pique** irritation; resentment from wounded pride (eg. loss in a contest); V: provoke; arouse; annoy; cause to feel resentment; Ex. pique her curiosity

♠ **piscatorial** pertaining to fishing; CF. Pisces

□ **pitfall** hidden danger; concealed trap

♡ **beware** be cautious (of)

♠ **pith** core or marrow; spongelike substance in the center of stems; essence; substance

♡ **marrow** soft fatty tissue that fills most bone cavities and is the source of blood cells

□ **pithy** concise and meaningful; substantial; meaty

♠ **pittance** small amount (of money); small allowance or wage

□ **pivotal** of a pivot; central; critical; crucial

□ **placate** pacify; bring peace to; conciliate; appease

♠ **placebo** harmless substance prescribed as a dummy pill

♡ **tablet** small round piece of medicine; flat piece of stone or metal bearing an inscription; Ex. stone tablet on the wall

□ **placid** peaceful; calm; Ex. placid child/lake

♠ **plagiarize** steal another's ideas or writings and pass them off as one's own; Ex. ideas plagiarized from my article; N. plagiarism; CF. kidnap

♠ **plaintive** expressing sorrow; mournful; Ex. plaintive song

♠ **plait** braid; interwine; interweave strands or lengths of; make by weaving strands together; Ex. plaited hair; N: braided length as of hair or fabric; CF. pigtail, ponytail

♠ **plasticity** ability to be molded; ADJ. plastic: capable of being shaped or molded; Ex. plastic material such as clay

□ **platitude** trite remark; commonplace statement; ADJ. platitudinous

♡ **commonplace** ordinary; N: something ordinary or common; trite remark

♡ **commonwealth** nation governed by the people; republic; people of a nation

□ **platonic** purely spiritual; theoretical; without sensual desire

♠ **plaudit** praise; enthusiastic approval; round(succession or series) of applause; ADJ. plauditory; CF. applaud

□ **plausible** conceivably true; having a show of truth but open to doubt; specious

♠ **plebeian** common; vulgar; pertaining to the common people; N: common people in ancient Rome; CF. patrician

♡ **plebiscite** direct vote by the entire electorate (on an important issue)

♡ **referendum** direct vote by all the people

♠ **plenary** (of power) complete; full; fully attended by all qualified members; Ex. plenary power

♠ **plenitude** abundance; plenty; great amount; completeness; fullness; CF. plenary, plenty

♠ **plethora** excess; overabundance; Ex. a plethora of excuses

□ **pliable** flexible; easily influenced; yielding; adaptable

□ **pliant** flexible; easily influenced

□ **plight** difficult condition; condition or state (esp. a bad state or condition); predicament

♠ **pluck** courage; V: pull off or out; pull out the hair or feathers of; ADJ. plucky: courageous; brave

♠ **plumage** feathers of a bird;

♡ **plume** feather, esp. large or showy one; something that rises into the air (like the shape of a feather); Ex. plume of smoke:

♠ **plumb** exactly vertical; N: weight on the end of a line; V: examine very carefully or critically in order to understand; measure depth (by sounding); Ex. plumb the depth of

♡ **plumber** one who installs and repairs pipes and plumbing(pipes)

♠ **plummet** fall sharply; fall straight down; Ex. Stock prices plummeted.

□ **plutocracy** society ruled by the wealthy

□ **podiatrist** doctor who treats ailments of the feet; chiropodist; N. podiatrics

□ **podium** pedestal; raised platform

♡ **pedestal** support or base as for a pillar or statue

♠ **poignancy** quality of being deeply moving; keenness of emotion; ADJ. poignant: touching; deeply moving; (of sorrow, grief, etc.) painful; keenly distressing to the mind; Ex. poignant memory/anxiety; CF. prick

♠ **polarize** split into opposite extremes or camps

♡ **polarity** state of having two opposite qualities

♡ **polar** of a pole; characterized by opposite extremes; Ex. polar opposites

♡ **camp** group sharing a common cause or opinion

♠ **polemic** attack or defense of an opinion; controversy or refutation; argument in support of point of view; N. polemics: art of debate or controversy

♠ **polemical(polemic)** aggressive in verbal attack; disputatious (rather than simply expressing opinions)

□ **politic** prudent; judicious; well judged; expedient; well devised

□ **polity** (particular form of) political organization; form of government of nation or state; Ex. student polity

□ **polygamist** one who has more than one spouse at a time; CF. bigamy; CF. polyandry

□ **polyglot** speaking several languages; multilingual; Ex. polyglot person/society; N.

□ **pomposity** self-important behavior; acting like a stuffed shirt(pompous person); ADJ. pompous: self-important

♠ **ponderous** having great weight; weighty; unwieldy; lacking lightness; dull; Ex. ponderous body/style of writing

♠ **pontifical** pertaining to a bishop or pope; pompous or pretentious; CF. pontiff: pope; bishop

♠ **pore** study industriously; ponder; scrutinize; Ex. pore over the book; N.

□ **porous** full of pores; like a sieve

♡ **interstice** narrow space between things

□ **portend** foretell; presage; be a sign or warning of; N. portent: sign; omen; forewarning

♡ **soothsayer** one who foretells the future

♠ **portly** stout; corpulent

♡ **stout** rather fat; strong in body; sturdy; resolute; determined; strong in determination; Ex. stout stick/supporter

♠ **poseur** person who pretends to be sophisticated, elegant, etc., to impress others; person who poses; CF. pose

♡ **pose** assume a particular posture; put forward; present; affect a particular attitude (to impress others); Ex. pose a threat; N.

♠ **posterity** descendants; future generations; Ex. go down to posterity; CF. posterior, anterior

♠ **posthumous** after death (as of child born after father's death or book published after author's death); coming or occurring after one's death; Ex. posthumous fame/novel

♡ **postmortem** autopsy; ADJ: occurring after death; of a postmortem

♠ **postulate** self-evident truth; something assumed without proof; V: assume the truth of (as a basis of an argument)

♠ **posture** assume an affected pose; act artificially; N: pose; attitude

♠ **potable** suitable for drinking; drinkable

□ **potent** powerful; convincing; persuasive; greatly influential

♠ **potentate** monarch; sovereign

□ **potential** expressing possibility; latent; N: capacity for growth

□ **potion** dose (of liquids); liquid dose

♠ **potpourri** heterogeneous mixture; medley; mixture of dried flower petals a pot (to give a pleasant smell to a room)

♠ **poultice** soothing application applied to sore and inflamed portions of the body

□ **practicable** feasible

□ **practical** based on experience; of or acquired through practice (rather than theory); useful; Ex. practical man

□ **pragmatic** practical (as opposed to idealistic); concerned with practical worth or impact of something; Ex. pragmatic test of the skill

□ **pragmatist** practical person; N. pragmatism: pragmatic way of dealing with things

♡ **prance** move about in a spirited manner (proudly and confidently)

♠ **prate** talk idly; speak foolishly; boast idly

♠ **prattle** talk idly; babble; N. CF. prate

♡ **idle** not working; not employed or busy; lazy; without purpose; useless; lacking substance; baseless; not based on truth; Ex. idle worker; Ex. talk idly; V.

□ **preamble** introductory statement

♠ **precarious** unsafe; lacking in stability; uncertain; risky; Ex. precarious living

□ **precedent** something preceding in time which may be used as an authority or guide for future action; V. precede; CF. unprecedented

□ **precedent** preceding (in time, rank, etc.)

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□ **precept** practical rule guiding conduct; Ex. mother's precept

□ **precipice** cliff; dangerous position; Ex. on the edge of the precipice

♡ **brink** edge (at the top of a cliff); Ex. on the brink of the Grand Canyon

□ **precipitant** something that causes a substance in a chemical solution to separate out in solid form; ; OP. solvent

□ **precipitate** hurl downward; throw headlong; hasten; cause to happen sooner; condense and fall as rain or snow; cause (a solid substance) to be separated from a solution; ADJ. hasty; rash; premature; sudden

□ **precipitous** steep; overhasty; precipitate

♠ **précis** abstract; concise summing up of main points; concise summary of a text

□ **precise** exact

□ **preclude** make impossible; prevent; exclude; eliminate

□ **precocious** advanced in development; N. precocity

□ **precursor** forerunner; predecessor

□ **predator** predatory animal or bird; predatory person; creature that seizes and devours another animal; person who robs or exploits others; ADJ. predatory: living by preying on other organisms; plundering; N. predation

□ **predecessor** former occupant of a post

□ **predetermine** determine in advance; predestine; settle or decide beforehand; influence markedly

□ **predicament** difficult situation; tricky or dangerous situation; dilemma

♠ **predilection** preference; partiality

♠ **predispose** give an inclination toward (in advance); make susceptible to; Ex. predispose people to certain cancer; N. predisposition

□ **preeminent** outstanding; superior

♠ **preempt** prevent in advance; head off(forestall); forestall by acting first; appropriate for oneself before others; supplant; take the place of; displace; Ex. preempt any attempts; ADJ. preemptive

♠ **preen** make oneself tidy in appearance; feel self-satisfaction or pride; (of a bird) smooth or clean (feathers) with the beak; Ex. preen oneself on; CF. prune

□ **prefatory** introductory; of a preface

♠ **prehensile** capable of grasping or holding (esp. by wrapping around); Ex. prehensile tails

♠ **prelate** church dignitary; priest of high position in the church (esp. bishop)

□ **prelude** introduction; introductory performance or event; forerunner

□ **premeditate** plan in advance; Ex. premeditated murder

□ **premise** assumption; postulate; proposition upon which an argument is based

□ **premonition** forewarning; presentiment; foreboding

□ **premonitory** serving to warn

□ **preponderance** superiority of power, quantity, etc.; V. preponderate: be greater in power, weight, or importance; ADJ. preponderant

□ **preposterous** absurd; completely unreasonable; ridiculous

□ **prerogative** privilege; unquestionable right; CF. ask before

□ **presage** foretell; be a warning or sign of; N: presentiment; foreboding; omen

♠ **prescience** ability to foretell the future; knowledge of actions before they occur; ADJ. prescient

□ **presentiment** premonition; foreboding; feeling something will happen; anticipatory fear

□ **prestige** respect or admiration; impression produced by achievements or reputation; ADJ: causing admiration; ADJ. prestigious: having prestige

♠ **presumptuous** going beyond what is right; excessively forward; arrogant; taking liberties

♡ **presume** take for granted; assume; act overconfidently; take liberties; presume on/upon: take unfair advantage of (someone's kindness or connection); N. presumption

♠ **pretentious** ostentatious; showy; pompous; making unjustified claims; overambitious; Ex. pretentious films that claim to be art

♡ **pretend** feign; pretend to: claim to possess; make pretensions to; Ex. I don't pretend to much expertise; N. pretense

♡ **pretension** pretentiousness; claim (without foundation); Ex. I make no pretensions to skill as an artist.

♠ **preternatural** beyond what is normal in nature; supernatural; Ex. preternatural strength/forces

□ **pretext** excuse

♠ **prevail** be widespread; triumph over; gain victory; prevail on: persuade; induce; Ex. Justice has prevailed; Ex. prevail on someone to do something

□ **prevalent** widespread; generally accepted

♠ **prevaricate** lie; hide the truth (by equivocating)

□ **prey** target of a hunt; victim; V: hunt and eat as prey; victimize; Ex. Cats prey on mice.

♠ **prim** proper to the point of affectation; very precise and formal; exceedingly proper

♠ **primogeniture** seniority by birth; state of being the first-born child; right of the eldest child (to inherit the entire property of one or both parents)

□ **primordial** existing at the beginning (of time); rudimentary

♠ **primp** groom oneself with care; adorn oneself

♠ **pristine** unspoiled; remaining in a pure state; characteristic of earlier times; primitive; Ex. an old book in pristine condition

♠ **privation** lack of the basic necessities or comforts of life; hardship; want; CF. deprive

♠ **privy** secret; hidden; not public; made a participant in something secret; Ex. privy chamber government; Ex. be privy to a discussion; CF. private

□ **probe** explore with a probe or tools; investigate; N: slender instrument used to explore a wound or body cavity; device designed to investigate an unknown region; thorough investigation; Ex. space probe

□ **probity** uprightness; honesty; incorruptibility

♡ **defalcate** embezzle

♠ **problematic** causing a problem; open to doubt; doubtful; unsettled; questionable; Ex. Whether the arena will ever be completed is problematic.

□ **proclivity** inclination; natural tendency (esp. towards something bad)

□ **procrastinate** postpone; delay or put off

□ **procurement** obtaining; V. procure: obtain by effort; obtain (a prostitute) for another

♠ **prod** poke (with a pointed object); stir up; urge; goad to action; N: pointed object used to prod; prodding

□ **prodigal** wasteful; reckless with money; profuse; Ex. a mind prodigal of ideas; N. prodigality

□ **prodigious** enormous; marvelous; extraordinary; Ex. prodigious amount/memory

□ **prodigy** highly gifted child; person with exceptional talents; marvel; wonder

□ **profane** violate; desecrate (something holy); treat unworthily; be profane for; ADJ: secular; nonreligious; irreverent for holy things

♠ **profligate** wasteful (of money); dissipated; wildly immoral; dissolute; N: profligate person; N. profligacy

□ **profound** deep; not superficial; complete; Ex. profound thinker/remark/silence/deafness; N. profundity

□ **profusion** great amount; plenty; overabundance; excess; lavish expenditure; Ex. profusion of choices; ADJ. profuse; plentiful; copious; giving or given abundantly; extravagant

□ **progenitor** ancestor

♠ **progeny** children; offspring; descendants

□ **prognosis** forecasted course of a disease; prediction; CF. prognostic

□ **prognosticate** predict (according to present indications)

□ **prohibitive** so high as to prohibit purchase or use; tending to prevent the purchase or use of something; prohibiting; inclined to prevent or forbid; Ex. prohibitive tax

□ **projectile** missile; fired or thrown object (such as stone or bullet)

□ **proletarian** member of the working class; blue collar guy; N. proletariat: working class (who have to work for wages)

□ **proliferate** grow rapidly (in numbers); spread; multiply; N. proliferation

□ **prolific** producing offspring or fruit in abundance; fertile; fecund; abundantly fruitful; producing abundant works; Ex. prolific writer

♠ **prolixity** tedious wordiness; verbosity; ADJ. prolix: wordy; verbose; diffuse

□ **prologue** introduction (to a poem or play)

♡ **feud** bitter prolonged quarrel (usually between two peoples or families); V. CF. Romeo and Juliet; CF. feudal, feudalism

□ **prolong** lengthen; extend; draw out

□ **prominent** protruding(sticking out); conspicuous; notable; eminent

♠ **promiscuous** mixed indiscriminately; indiscriminate; not choosing carefully; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; irregular, particularly sexually; Ex. promiscuous life/girl; N. promiscuity

□ **promontory** headland

♠ **promote** advance in rank; advance; help to flourish; advocate; help actively in forming; publicize or popularize; Ex. Milk promotes health; Ex. promote a match/bill; Ex. promote a new product

♠ **prompt** cause; urge; provoke; provide a cue (for an actor); ADJ: done without delay; done at the right time; punctual; on time; N: reminder or cue

♡ **cue** word or signal (as in a play to prompt another actor's speech or entrance); reminder or hint; V: give a cue to

♠ **promulgate** announce; proclaim a doctrine or law; make known by official publication

□ **prone** inclined to; likely to (suffer); prostrate; lying with the front downward; Ex. prone to disease/make mistakes; Ex. accident-prone

□ **propagate** increase in number by producing young; multiply; spread; Ex. Most plants propagate by seed; Ex. newspaper propagating their ideas

□ **propellant(propellent)** substance which propels or drives forward (such as an explosive charge or a rocket fuel)

□ **propensity** natural inclination

□ **prophetic** of a prophet or prophecy; having to do with predicting the future; N. prophecy; V. prophesy; N. prophet

□ **prophylactic** used to prevent disease; N: something prophylactic; condom; N. prophylaxis: prevention of disease

♠ **propinquity** nearness (in space or relationship); proximity; kinship

♠ **propitiate** appease; conciliate; make peaceful; ADJ. propitiatory

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♠ **propitious** favorable; auspicious; advantageous; fortunate; Ex. propitious day/sign

♡ **horoscope** diagram of the positions of stars at a given moment (eg. of a person's birth) used by astrologers

□ **proponent** supporter; backer; opposite of opponent

□ **propound** put forth for consideration or analysis; set forth; Ex. propound a problem/theory

□ **propriety** fitness; quality of being proper; correct conduct; conformity to prevailing customs and usages; CF. proprietor, proprietary

♡ **usage** act or manner of using; accepted practice; way in which words are actually used

□ **propulsive** driving forward; N. propulsion

♠ **prosaic** lacking in imagination; dull and unimaginative; matter-of-fact(concerned with facts, not imagination or feelings); factual; CF. prose

♠ **proscenium** part of stage in front of curtain; front arch of a stage

□ **proscribe** prohibit; ostracize; banish; outlaw

♡ **outlaw** fugitive from the law (excluded from legal protection); V: declare (someone) to be an outlaw; deprive of the protection of the law; declare illegal; Ex. Drinking has been outlawed.

♠ **proselytize** (induce someone to) convert to a religion or belief; N. proselyte: new convert to a doctrine or religion

♠ **prosody** art of versification; study of the metrical structure of verse

♡ **metrical** metric; written in the form of poetry; Ex. metrical translation of Homer

♡ **meter** arrangement of words in the form of poetry (by accentual rhythm)

□ **prosperity** good fortune and financial success; physical well-being

♡ **prosper** become successful (esp. financially); thrive; grow well; Ex. children prospering under his care

♡ **prosperous** successful; rich; affluent; well-to-do; well-off

□ **prostrate** stretch out full on ground; make prostrate; enervate; Ex. prostrating illness; ADJ: lying face down; having lost all strength

♠ **protean** able to take on many forms; versatile; CF. Proteus: sea god to change his shape at will

□ **protégé** person receiving protection and support from a patron

♠ **protocol** diplomatic etiquette; ceremony and etiquette observed by diplomats; first copy of a treaty before its ratification; Ex. Protocol demands that the queen meet him at the airport.

□ **prototype** original work used as a model by others

□ **protract** prolong; lengthen in time; draw out

□ **protrude** stick out; jut; project; Ex. protruding teeth

♠ **protuberance** protrusion; swelling; bulge

♡ **bulge** protruding part; swelling of a surface; Ex. The apple made a bulge in his pocket; V: swell outward; protrude

♠ **provenance** place of origin; origin or source of something; Ex. Gunpowder is of Chinese provenance; CF. come

♠ **provender** dry food for livestock; fodder

□ **provident** providing for future needs; displaying foresight; thrifty; preparing for emergencies; OP. improvident

♡ **providence** quality of being provident; divine care; god's care; Providence: god; Ex. It seemed like providence that the doctor happened to be there; ADJ. providential: of divine providence; fortunate

□ **provincial** pertaining to a province; limited in outlook; narrow; unsophisticated

□ **provisional** tentative; temporary

□ **proviso** stipulation; condition in an agreement; provision

♡ **provision** act of providing; something provided; preparatory measure; provisions: necessary supplies (esp. food); stipulation; condition in an agreement; Ex. According to the provisions of the agreement

□ **provocative** arousing anger or sexual interest; annoying; Ex. provocative in tight jeans; V. provoke: incite to anger; cause (an unpleasant action or feeling); N. provocation

♠ **prowess** extraordinary ability; military bravery; Ex. prowess in battle

□ **proximity** nearness; ADJ. proximate

□ **proxy** authorized agent; authority to act for another

♠ **prude** excessively modest or proper person (who is easily shocked by improper things, esp. of a sexual nature); N. prudery; ADJ. prudish: excessively concerned with propriety

□ **prudent** cautious; careful; prudential

□ **prune** cut away; trim

♠ **prurient** having or causing lustful desires and thoughts; arousing immoderate sexual desire

♠ **pry** inquire impertinently (someone else's private affairs); use leverage to raise or open something; prize; N. pries: tool for prying

♡ **prize** pry; move with a lever; value highly; esteem; Ex. his most prized possession; N: something captured during wartime (esp. an enemy ship)

□ **pseudonym** pen name; fictitious name assumed by an author; ADJ. pseudonymous

□ **psyche** soul; mind

□ **psychiatrist** doctor who treats mental diseases

♡ **psychic** of psyche; mental; of or possessing extraordinary mental powers

□ **psychopathic** pertaining to mental derangement; N. psychopath: person with an antisocial personality disorder

□ **psychosis** mental disorder; ADJ. N. psychotic

♡ **psychosomatic** of the influence of the mind on the body (esp. with respect to disease)

♠ **pterodactyl** extinct flying reptile; CF. wing+finger

♠ **puerile** childish; immature; CF. puer: boy

□ **pugilist** boxer; CF. pugilism: boxing

♠ **pugnacity** combativeness; disposition to fight; ADJ. pugnacious: (of people) belligerent; combative in nature

♠ **puissant** powerful; strong; potent; N. puissance: power

♠ **pulchritude** beauty; comeliness; ADJ. pulchritudinous

♠ **pulmonary** pertaining to the lungs

♠ **pulsate** throb; beat regularly; vibrate regularly

♡ **pulse** rhythmical throbbing of arteries; brief sudden change in a normally constant quantity; V: pulsate

□ **pulverize** crush or grind into very small particles

♠ **pummel** pommel; beat or pound with fists

□ **punctilious** minutely attentive (perhaps too much so) to fine points; stressing niceties of conduct or form; N. punctilio, punctiliousness: careful attention payed to every small exact detail

♠ **pundit** authority on a subject; expert; learned person

□ **pungent** stinging; acrid; sharp in taste or smell; (of speech or writing) caustic; N. pungency

♠ **punitive** punishing; Ex. punitive measures

♠ **puny** tiny; weak; insignificant

♠ **purchase** secure grasp or hold; firm grasp or footing

□ **purgatory** place of spiritual expiation; temporary state or place in which the souls must expiate their sins

□ **purge** remove or get rid of something or someone unwanted; eliminate; free from blame or guilt; cleanse or purify (esp. of sin, guilt, or defilement); N.

□ **purport** intention; purpose; meaning; V: claim; profess; Ex. order which purports to be signed by the general

□ **purported** alleged; claimed; reputed or rumored; Ex. purported Satanists

♡ **rooster** cock; adult male chicken

♡ **rabble** mob; noisy crowd

♠ **purse** pucker; contract (lips) into wrinkles; N: wallet

♡ **pucker** gather into wrinkles or folds; N: wrinkle or fold

♠ **purveyor** furnisher of foodstuffs; caterer; V. purvey: supply (eg. food); furnish; CF. provide

♠ **pusillanimous** cowardly; lacking courage; fainthearted

♠ **putative** supposed; reputed; generally regarded as such; Ex. putative father of the child

♠ **putrid** decayed and foul-smelling; foul; rotten; decayed; N. putridity

♡ **putrefy** make or become putrid; N. putrefaction

♡ **putrescent** becoming putrid; putrefying

♡ **gangrene** decay of body tissue caused by insufficient blood supply (usually following injury); ADJ. gangrenous

□ **pyromaniac** person with an insane desire to set things on fire

□ **quack** charlatan; impostor

♠ **quadruped** four-footed animal; ADJ. CF. biped

♠ **quaff** drink with zest; drink with relish(zest; hearty enjoyment); ; CF. sip

♠ **quagmire** bog; marsh; soft, wet, boggy land; predicament; complex or dangerous situation from which it is difficult to free oneself

♡ **bog** soft wet land; V: hinder or be hindered; Ex. bogged down in the mud

♠ **quail** cower; shrink back in fear; lose heart

□ **quaint** odd in an old-fashioned way; odd; old-fashioned; picturesque

□ **qualified** limited; restricted; V. qualify: limit the meaning of; modify

♠ **qualms** uneasy feelings; misgivings; uneasy fears especially about matters of conscience; Ex. I have no qualms about giving this assignment to Helen.

♠ **quandary** dilemma; state of uncertainty; Ex. She is in a quandary about whether to go.

♠ **quarantine** isolation of a person, place, or ship to prevent spread of infection; V: isolate in quarantine

♠ **quarry** person or animal of pursuit; victim; object of a hunt; prey

♠ **quarry** dig into (to get stone); N: mine;

♡ **bank** heap; piled-up mass; embankment; lateral tilting (as of an aircraft in turning); V: pile up; protect with a bank; tilt in turning

♡ **squash** crush; quash; suppress

□ **quay** dock; wharf; pier; landing place (for boats)

♠ **queasy** experiencing nausea; nauseated; easily nauseated; squeamish; Ex. feel a little queasy

♠ **quell** suppress; put an end to; put down forcibly; extinguish; quiet; Ex. "Army Quells Rebellion" in newspaper; CF. kill

♠ **quench** assuage or satisfy (thrust); slake; douse or extinguish; put out; suppress

♡ **squelch** produce a splashing sound (when stepping through mud); crush; squash; CF.

♠ **querulous** given to complaining; complaining; fretful; whining

♡ **whine** complain (in a sad voice); make a high sad sound (as in pain or supplication)

□ **query** inquiry; question; V.

□ **queue** line (of waiting people or vehicles)

♠ **quibble** minor objection or complaint; V: raise minor objections; carp; cavil

♠ **quiescent** dormant; temporarily inactive; at rest; N. quiescence

□ **quietude** tranquillity; calmness

♠ **quintessence** purest and highest embodiment; perfect example; apotheosis; most essential element; Ex. quintessence of wit; ADJ. quintessential; CF. fifth essence

♠ **quip** taunt; clever sarcastic remark; V.

♡ **taunt** deride or provoke; challenge in derision; N.

♠ **quirk** sudden sharp turn or twist; startling twist; caprice; idiosyncrasy; peculiarity of behavior; Ex. by a quirk of fate

♠ **quisling** traitor who aids invaders; CF. Vidkun Quisling

♠ **quiver** case for arrows

♠ **quiver** tremble; shake; N.

♡ **leash** restraining rope fastened to the collar of an animal (to control it); Ex. a dog on a leash

♠ **quixotic** idealistic but impractical; CF. Don Quixote

♠ **quizzical** curious; suggesting puzzlement (without saying); questioning; teasing; mocking; bantering; Ex. quizzical glance

♠ **quorum** minimal number of members necessary to conduct a meeting

♠ **quotidian** daily; commonplace; customary; Ex. quotidian routine

♠ **rabid** of or suffering rabies; like a fanatic; extremely zealous; furious; CF. rabies: hydrophobia

♠ **raconteur** story-teller; one who tells stories with wit and skill

♠ **ragamuffin** dirty child in torn clothes; person wearing tattered clothes

♡ **tatter** torn piece of cloth; ADJ. tattered: (of clothes) old and torn; (of a person) dressed in old torn clothes

♠ **rail** complain bitterly; scold; rant; Ex. the weaker railing against injustices

♠ **raiment** clothing; garments; Ex. I have no raiment fit to wear.

♠ **rakish** jaunty; stylish; sporty; morally corrupt; dissolute; Ex. He wore his hat at a rakish and jaunty angle.

♡ **rake** angle of a slope; V: slant from the perpendicular

♡ **rake** immoral or dissolute person

□ **rally** come or bring together; call up or summon (forces, vital powers, etc.); revive or recuperate (after illness or difficulty); N: act of rallying; mass gathering

□ **ramble** wander aimlessly (physically or mentally); digress

□ **ramification** branching out; subdivision; one branch of a system; one of the results following from an action or decision; Ex. ramifications of a business/the decision

□ **ramify** branch out; divide into branches or subdivisions

♠ **ramp** slope; inclined plane or roadway (connecting two levels)

♠ **rampant** growing or spreading uncontrollably; growing in profusion; unrestrained; Ex. rampant lawlessness/weed

□ **rampart** defensive mound of earth

♠ **ramshackle** (of a building or vehicle) poorly constructed; rickety; falling apart

♡ **ricketty** (of buildings) likely to break or fall apart; of rickets; CF. rickets; CF. vitamin D

♡ **ransack** search thoroughly; pillage (going through a place); Ex. Enemy soldiers ransacked the town.

♠ **rancid** having the odor of stale or decomposing fat; rank

♡ **rank** offensive in odor or flavor

♠ **rancor** long-lasting hatred; bitterness; Ex. negotiation without rancor; ADJ. rancorous

□ **random** without definite purpose, plan, or aim; haphazard; Ex. random shots; Ex. chosen at random

♡ **lot** object used in making a determination at random; fate; piece of land

♡ **draw** choosing of a lot or card

♡ **lottery** contest in which winners are selected in a drawing of lots

♡ **raffle** lottery; V: award as a prize in a raffle; Ex. raffle off a new car

♠ **rankle** irritate; fester; annoy

♠ **rant** speak violently or excitedly; rave; talk excitedly showing anger; scold; make a grandiloquent speech; Ex. The priest ranted about the devil.

♠ **rapacious** voracious; ravenous; taking everything one can; excessively grasping; plundering; subsisting on live prey; Ex. rapacious birds

□ **rapport** close relationship; emotional closeness; harmony

♠ **rapt** engrossed; absorbed; enchanted; Ex. rapt listener

♠ **rarefied** made less dense (of a gas); V. rarefy: make less dense; N. rarefaction

♡ **rare** (of air) thin in density; rarefied; Ex. rare air of the mountains

♠ **raspy** making a harsh noise; grating; harsh

♡ **rasp** (of a sound) grate on (eg. nerves); make a harsh noise; have an unpleasant effect; rub with something rough; Ex. The cat's tongue rasped my hand.

□ **ratify** approve formally; confirm; verify

♠ **ratiocination** reasoning; act of drawing conclusions from premises; V. ratiocinate: reason logically

□ **rationale** fundamental reason or principle (on which a system or principle is based); fundamental reason or justification; grounds for an action

□ **rationalize** make rational; devise false reasons for (one's behavior); offer an excuse; give a plausible reason for an action in place of a true, less admirable ones; N. rationalization

♡ **rational** (of a person) having reason; (of ideas) based on reason; logical

♡ **ration** fixed portion; V: distribute as rations

♠ **raucous** (of voice) harsh and unpleasant; (of people) disorderly and boisterous; Ex. raucous shouts

□ **ravage** devastate; plunder; despoil; Ex. crops ravaged by storms

♡ **maraud** move in search of plunder; Ex. marauding army

♠ **rave** overwhelmingly favorable review; V: talk wildly as if mad; Ex. raving lunatic

□ **ravel** fall apart into tangles; entangle; unravel or untwist

♠ **ravenous** extremely hungry; voracious

♠ **ravine** narrow valley with steep sides; gorge; CF. gully, canyon

□ **raze** destroy completely; Ex. raze the city to the ground

□ **reactionary** strongly opposed to social or political change; opposing progress; politically ultraconservative; N. OP. radical

♡ **reinstate** restore to a previous condition or position

□ **realm** kingdom; field or sphere; Ex. not within the realms of possibility

□ **reaper** one who harvests grain; Ex. the Grim Reaper; V. reap: cut and gather (crop); harvest a crop

□ **rebate** return of part of a payment; discount; V.

♠ **rebuff** reject bluntly; snub; beat back; Ex. She rebuffed his invitation; N.

♡ **snub** ignore or behave coldly toward; Ex. I made a suggestion but she snubbed me; N.

□ **rebuke** scold harshly; criticize severely

♠ **rebus** representation of words in the form of pictures or symbols; puzzle in which pictures or letters stand for words; Ex. "R U 18" is a rebus for "Are you 18".

♠ **rebuttal** refutation; response with contrary evidence; V. rebut: refute; disprove

♠ **recalcitrant** disobedient or resisting authority even after being punished; obstinately stubborn; determined to resist authority; unruly; Ex. recalcitrant child

□ **recant** disclaim or disavow; retract a previous statement; openly confess error; Ex. recant one's faith/a statement

□ **recapitulate** summarize

♠ **recast** reconstruct (a sentence, story, statue, etc.); fashion again

♡ **fashion** give shape to; make; Ex. fashion the pot out of clay

□ **receptive** quick or willing to receive (ideas, suggestions, etc.); Ex. receptive to the proposal

□ **recession** withdrawal; retreat; time of low economic activity

♡ **recess** pause; temporary cessation; alcove; secret inner place; Ex. parliament in recess; V. CF. recessive

□ **recidivism** habitual return to crime (even after being punished); N. recidivist

□ **recipient** receiver

□ **reciprocal** mutual; given and received in return; exchangeable; interacting; Ex. reciprocal trade agreement

♠ **reciprocate** do or give something in return; repay in kind; give or take mutually; interchange; move backwards and forwards; Ex. reciprocate his invitation by inviting him; N. reciprocity: reciprocal relationship; mutual interchange of advantages between two groups; Ex. reciprocity in trading rights

□ **recluse** hermit; loner; ADJ. reclusive

□ **reconcile** make friendly again (after quarrel); make consistent (two ideas in opposition); correct inconsistencies; Ex. reconcile one's political principles with one's religious beliefs

□ **recondite** abstruse; not easily understood; profound; secret

□ **reconnaissance** survey of enemy by soldiers; reconnoitering; V. reconnoiter: make a preliminary inspection of (esp. to gather military information)

♠ **recount** narrate or tell (a story); count over again

□ **recourse** resorting to help when in trouble; Ex. without recourse to

♡ **resort** turn to for help; Ex. resort to violence; N.

♡ **makeshift** temporary expedient or substitute (in the case of urgent need); Ex. makeshift shelter

♡ **recreant** disloyal; cowardly; N: disloyal and cowardly person

□ **recrimination** countercharges; V. recriminate

□ **rectify** set right; correct; CF. rect-: right

♠ **rectitude** moral correctness; moral uprightness; moral virtue; correctness of judgment

□ **recumbent** reclining; lying down completely or in part

♡ **recline** lie down

□ **recuperate** recover; return to health; regain; Ex. recuperate losses

□ **recurrent** occurring again and again

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□ **redolent** odorous; fragrant; suggestive (of an odor); Ex. redolent of onions/mystery

♠ **redoubtable** formidable; causing fear

♠ **redress** remedy; compensation; Ex. seek redress for the damage to your car; V: put right; remedy or rectify (a wrong); make amends for

□ **redundant** superfluous; more than is necessary; verbose; excessively wordy; repetitious

♠ **reek** emit (an unpleasant odor or smoke); give off an unpleasant odor; give out smoke; Ex. reeking chimney; N: unpleasant odor; stench

♡ **stench** strong foul odor; reek; stink

♡ **stink** stench; V: emit a strong foul odor

♠ **refectory** dining hall; room where meals are served (in a school)

□ **refraction** bending of a ray of light

♠ **refractory** unmanageable; disobedient and stubborn; Ex. refractory horse

♠ **refrain** abstain from; resist; forbear; N: chorus

♡ **chorus** phrase repeated throughout a song or poem

□ **refulgent** effulgent; brilliant; brightly shining; gleaming; Ex. refulgent moon

♡ **gleam** brief flash of light; glow; V.

♠ **refurbish** renovate; make clean, bright, or fresh (make new) again; make bright by polishing; Ex. refurbish an old theater; CF. furbish: polish

□ **refute** disprove; prove to be false; N. refutation

□ **regal** royal; of a monarch; Ex. regal manner

♠ **regale** entertain

♠ **regatta** boat or yacht race

□ **regeneration** spiritual rebirth; Ex. regeneration of the prisoners; V. regenerate: give or obtain new life; reform spiritually

♡ **penology** study of prison management and criminal rehabilitation

□ **regicide** murder of a king or queen

□ **regime** method of system or government

♠ **regimen** prescribed course of diet or exercise; prescribed diet and habits; Ex. daily regimen of a dancer

♠ **regiment** military unit; V: subject to strict order; Ex. regimented society

□ **rehabilitate** restore to proper condition (health or useful life); restore the former rank of

□ **reimburse** repay; pay back

□ **reiterate** repeat

♠ **rejoinder** reply; retort; comeback; V. rejoin: say in reply

♥ **comeback** retort; quick clever reply; return to former status

□ **rejuvenate** make young again

♠ **relegate** put into a lower or worse place; banish to an inferior position; delegate; assign; Ex. relegate the old furniture to the children's room; Ex. relegated to the second division

□ **relent** become less severe; give in(surrender); ADJ. relentless: unyielding; continuously severe

□ **relevant** having importance; pertinent; referring to the case in hand; N. relevance, relevancy

♠ **relic** surviving remnant (from an extinct culture); memento; keepsake; relics: corpse; Ex. ancient relics; Ex. relics of his travel; Ex. His relics are buried at X.

□ **relinquish** give up something (with reluctance); yield; release; Ex. relinquish power/the claim to the land/his hold on my arm

♠ **relish** enjoy; savor; N: enjoyment; zest

□ **remediable** reparable

□ **reminiscence** recollection; V. reminisce: recollect the past

♥ **reminiscent** suggestive of something (in the past); of reminiscence

□ **remiss** negligent; careless about a duty

□ **remission** temporary moderation (of disease symptoms); remitting of a debt or punishment; cancelation of a debt; pardon; Ex. The disease went into remission; Ex. Christians pray for the remission of sins.

♥ **remit** transmit (money) in payment; free someone from a debt or punishment

♥ **remittance** remitting of money; amount of money remitted

□ **remnant** remainder

□ **remonstrate** protest; objection; V. remonstrate: say in protest

□ **remorse** deep regret for wrongdoing; guilt; self-reproach

□ **remunerative** (of work) compensating; rewarding; profitable; well-paid; V. remunerate: reward; pay (someone) for work or trouble

□ **rend** split; tear apart; N. rent; CF. heartrending: causing deep sorrow

□ **render** give; deliver; provide; represent in verbal or artistic form; depict; perform; make; translate; Ex. render the song beautifully

□ **rendezvous** meeting place; meeting at a set time or place; V.

□ **rendition** rendering; translation; artistic interpretation of a song, etc

♠ **renegade** deserter; traitor; ADJ.

♠ **renege** break a promise; deny; go back on; Ex. renege on the contract/paying off the debt

□ **renounce** abandon; give up (by formal announcement); disown; repudiate; Ex. renounce one's claim to the property/one's religion; N. renunciation

□ **renovate** restore to good condition; renew

□ **renown** fame; ADJ. renowned

♥ **herald** messenger; sign of something to come; V: announce; proclaim; Ex. unheralded researcher

♠ **rent** tear made by rending; rip; split

□ **reparable** capable of being repaired

♠ **reparation** compensation (for loss or wrong); amends; Ex. make reparation for the damage; CF. repair

□ **repartee** quick clever reply

♠ **repast** meal; feast; banquet

□ **repeal** revoke; annul

□ **repel** drive away; disgust; Ex. repel the attack/moisture; Ex. repelled by the dirty room; CF. repulsion

□ **repellent** driving away; disgusting; offensive; repulsive; unattractive; N.

□ **repercussion** rebound; reaction; reverberation; Ex. serious repercussion

□ **repertoire** list of works of music, drama, etc., a performer is prepared to present; CF. repertory

♠ **repine** fret; complain; be annoyed; Ex. repine over the undone work

□ **replenish** fill up again



□ **replete** fully filled; filled to the brim or to the point of being stuffed; abundantly supplied; Ex. report replete with errors

♥ **memoir** memoirs; autobiography; biography

♥ **brim** uppermost edge of a cup; projecting rim (as on a hat); Ex. The glass was full to the brim; V: be full to the brim

□ **replica** copy

□ **replicate** reproduce; duplicate

□ **repository** storehouse

♥ **repose** resting; state of being at rest; calmness; V: lie at rest; relax; put or place; Ex. repose our hopes in a single man

□ **reprehensible** deserving blame; blameworthy; V. reprehend: blame

□ **repress** hold back (the natural expression of); restrain; crush; oppress; Ex. repressed child; Ex. repress a laugh/rebellion

□ **reprieve** postponement or cancelation of a punishment; temporary stay; V: postpone or cancel the punishment of

□ **reprimand** reprove severely; rebuke; N.

□ **reprisal** retaliation

♠ **reprise** musical repetition; repeating of a piece of music; repeat performance; recurrent action; Ex. reprise in the finale; Ex. constant reprises

□ **reproach** blame (not angrily but sadly); express disapproval or disappointment; N. ADJ. reproachful

♠ **reprobate** morally disapproved person; person hardened in sin, devoid of a sense of decency; CF. disapproved by God?

□ **reprobation** severe disapproval; CF. approbation

□ **reprove** censure; rebuke; N. reproof

□ **repudiate** disown; disavow; deny

□ **repugnance** disgust; strong dislike; loathing; ADJ. repugnant: arousing disgust; repulsive

□ **repulsion** distaste; disgust; act of driving back; ADJ. repulsive: causing disgust; tending to drive away; V. repel (not 'repulse')

♡ **repulse** reject with rudeness or coldness (an offer or friendship); drive back (an enemy attack); CF. repulse ≠ cause repulsion

□ **reputable** respectable; having a good reputation

□ **reputed** supposed; Ex. reputed father of the child; V. repute: consider; N. repute: reputation; esteem

□ **requiem** mass for the dead; dirge

♡ **mass** Christian religious ceremony; CF. Mass: ceremony of the Eucharist

□ **requisite** necessary requirement; something required; ADJ. required; necessary

♡ **requisition** formal demand or request; Ex. requisition for more computing equipment; V.

♠ **requite** make return for; repay; reciprocate; revenge; N. requittal

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□ **rescind** repeal; annul; cancel (a law, decision, or agreement)

□ **resentment** indignation; bitterness; displeasure; V. resent: feel anger about

□ **reserve** self-control; self-restraint; formal but distant manner; reticence; Ex. without reserve: freely and openly; ADJ. reserved: shy and uncommunicative

□ **residue** remainder; balance

♡ **residual** remaining; left over; of a residue; N. residue

□ **resignation** patiently submissiveness; statement that one is quitting a job; ADJ. resigned: acquiescent

♡ **resign** give up (a position, right, or claim); submit (oneself) passively

□ **resilient** elastic; having the power of springing back; able to recover quickly (as from misfortune)

♡ **elastic** able to spring back into shape; quick to recover (as from disappointment); able to adapt to change; Ex. elastic plans; N. elastic material

□ **resolution** determination; resoluteness; ADJ. resolute: firm or determined in purpose

□ **resolve** determination; resolution; firmness of purpose

□ **resolve** decide; settle; solve; separate; make a determined decision; N. resolution

□ **resonant** (of a sound) echoing; resounding (sound loudly); deep and full in sound; producing resonance; Ex. resonant voice; N. resonance

♡ **resound** (of a place) be filled with sound; (of a sound) sound loudly; sound back; echo; Ex. hall resounded with laughter

□ **respiration** breathing; exhalation; ADJ. respiratory

♠ **respite** time for rest; interval of relief; delay in punishment; reprieve

□ **resplendent** brilliant; splendid in appearance; dazzling; glorious

□ **responsiveness** state of reacting readily to appeals, orders, etc.; ADJ. responsive: readily reacting; Ex. responsive to treatment

♠ **restitution** returning something (lost or stolen) to the rightful owner; reparation; indemnification; compensation for loss, damage, or injury

♠ **restive** impatiently restless (induced by external coercion or restriction); restlessly impatient; obstinately resisting control; Ex. restive horses because of wolves; CF. not a general synonym for 'restless'

□ **restraint** moderation or self-control; controlling force; restriction

□ **resumption** taking up again; recommencement; V. resume: begin or take up again; take or occupy again; Ex. Kindly resume your seats.

♠ **resurge** rise again; flow to and fro; N. resurgence; ADJ. resurgent: (of ideas or beliefs) experiencing revival; surging again

♡ **resurrect** revive

□ **resuscitate** revive; bring back to life or consciousness; Ex. resuscitate the drowned child

□ **retain** keep; maintain possession of; employ (esp. a lawyer or advisor); N. retainer: servant; fee paid to retain an advisor

□ **retaliate** repay in kind (usually for bad treatment); V. retaliate

♠ **retentive** holding; able to retain things (esp. facts in the mind); having a good memory

♠ **reticent** inclined to silence; uncommunicative; reserved; Ex. He was reticent about the reasons; N. reticence

□ **retinue** following; attendants

♠ **retiring** shy and reserved (of a person); modest; Ex. her retiring personality

□ **retort** quick sharp reply; V.

□ **retract** withdraw; take back; draw back; Ex. retract a statement/an offer/claws; N. retraction; CF. retractile

♠ **retrench** cut down; cut down expenses; economize

♠ **retribution** deserved punishment for wrongdoing; punishment for offenses; compensation; vengeance; CF. pay back

□ **retrieve** recover; put right; find and bring in; regain; Ex. retrieve the situation

♠ **retroactive** taking effect before its enactment (as a law) or imposition (as a tax); (of a law) having effect on the past as well as the future

♡ **enact** make (a bill) into law

♠ **retrograde** go backwards; recede; degenerate; deteriorate; ADJ.

□ **retrospective** looking back on the past; N. retrospection; V. retrospect

♠ **revelry** boisterous merrymaking; V. revel: engage boisterous festivities; enjoy greatly; N: boisterous festivity or celebration

♠ **reverberate** echo repeatedly; resound; Ex. The thunder reverberated across the valley.

□ **reverent** respectful; worshipful; V. revere: regard with reverence; N. reverence: profound respect

♡ **reverend** deserving reverence; N: priest

♠ **reverie** daydream; abstracted musing

□ **revert** relapse; backslide; turn back to; return to the former owner; N. reversion

♡ **relapse** return to a former state (esp. after improvement); N.

♡ **backslide** revert (to bad habits); N. reverter

♠ **revile** attack with abusive language; vilify(slander)

□ **revoke** cancel; retract; CF. irrevocable

♠ **revulsion** sudden strong feeling of disgust; sudden violent change of feeling; negative reaction; Ex. revulsion from the scenes of torture

♠ **rhapsodize** speak or write in an exaggeratedly enthusiastic manner; Ex. rhapsodize over the beauty of the scenery

♡ **rhapsody** excessively enthusiastic expression of feeling; musical composition of irregular form (as if made up as one plays it)

♠ **rhetoric** art of effective communication; art of using language effectively and persuasively; style of speaking or writing; grandiloquent language; Ex. political rhetoric; ADJ. rhetorical; CF. rhetorical question: question to which no answer is expected as "Who knows it?"

♠ **ribald** marked by vulgar lewd humor; wanton; profane; N. ribaldry: ribald language or joke

♠ **riddle** pierce with holes; permeate or spread throughout; Ex. The gunman riddled the car with bullets; Ex. The whole report is riddled with errors; N. large sieve (separating earth from stone)

♠ **rider** amendment or clause added to a legislative bill

♠ **rife** (of something bad) widespread; abundant; current

♠ **rift** narrow opening in a large mass; break in a friendly relation; Ex. through a rift in the clouds; OP. reconciliation

♠ **rig** fix or manipulate; manipulate dishonestly for personal gain; Ex. rig the election

♡ **rig** arrangement of masts and sails; V: equip (a ship) with rigging; ADJ. rigging: ropes that hold up a ship's sails

□ **rigid** hard and unbending; stiff and unyielding; fixed in behavior or views; strict; rigorous; Ex. rigid rule

□ **rigor** severity; Ex. rigors of the Russian winter

♠ **rile** irritate; vex; muddy

♠ **riveting** holding one's attention; absorbing; engrossing

♡ **rivet** metal pin used for fastening metal plates together; V: fasten with a rivet; engross

♠ **rivulet** small stream; CF. rill ; rivulet ; river

□ **robust** strong; vigorous

□ **rococo** ornate; highly decorated; N. CF. 18th century

♠ **roil** make liquids murky by stirring up sediment; disturb

♠ **roseate** rosy; optimistic; Ex. roseate views

♠ **roster** list (of names)

♠ **rostrum** raised platform for speech-making; pulpit

♡ **pulpit** raised platform used in preaching (in a church)

♠ **rote** repetition; memorization through repetition without understanding; Ex. learn poetry by rote

♠ **rotunda** circular building or hall covered with a dome

♠ **rotundity** roundness; sonorousness of speech

♡ **rotund** (of a person) fat and round

♠ **rousing** lively; inducing excitement; stirring; V. rouse: waken; arouse from sleep or depression; excite; stir up

□ **rout** put to rout; stampede; drive out; N: complete defeat and disorderly retreat

♡ **stampede** sudden frenzied rush (of panic-stricken animals or people); V: participate in or cause stampede; Ex. stampede before the price rises

□ **rubble** fragments (esp. from a destroyed building)

♡ **mason** one who builds or works with stone or brick; N. masonry: work of a mason; stonework or brickwork

♠ **rubric** title or heading (in red print); directions for religious ceremony; protocol

♠ **ruddy** reddish; (of the face) reddish and healthy-looking

□ **rudimentary** elementary; not developed; crude; N. rudiment: fundamental element or principle; Ex. rudiments of the language

♠ **rue** regret; lament; mourn; Ex. He will rue the day; N. ADJ. rueful

♠ **ruffian** violent scoundrel; bully

♠ **ruminate** chew over and over (mentally or, like cows, physically); mull over(ponder)

♡ **ruminant** animal that ruminates; ADJ.

□ **rummage** ransack; thoroughly search

♠ **runic** mysterious; set down in an ancient alphabet; N. rune: one of the letters of an alphabet used by ancient Germanic peoples (cut on stone or wood); magic charm

♠ **ruse** trick to deceive; stratagem

□ **rustic** pertaining to country people; unsophisticated; simple; crude; uncouth; (of furniture) rough with the bark left on; N. rural person; rustic person

□ **rusticate** banish to the country; dwell in the country

□ **ruthless** pitiless; merciless; cruel

□ **saboteur** one who commits sabotage; destroyer of property; N. sabotage: destruction of property (usually carried out secretly)

□ **saccharine** cloying sweet; characteristic of sugar or saccharin

□ **sacrilegious** desecrating; profane; N. sacrilege: desecration, misuse, or theft of something sacred

♠ **sacrosanct** inviolably sacred; most sacred; inviolable

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♠ **sadistic** inclined to cruelty; N. sadism: delight in cruelty

□ **saga** Scandinavian myth; any legend; long heroic narrative

♠ **sagacious** wise; perceptive; shrewd; having insight; N. sagacity

♠ **sage** person celebrated for wisdom; wise person; ADJ: wise

♠ **salacious** lascivious; lustful; Ex. salacious monk

♠ **salient** prominent; projecting beyond a line; conspicuous; Ex. salient features

□ **saline** salty

♠ **sallow** (of the skin) yellowish and unhealthy-looking; sickly in color; Ex. sallow complexion due to jaundice

♠ **salubrious** healthful; conducive to health or well-being; socially desirable; Ex. salubrious area; CF. health

♠ **salutary** tending to improve; beneficial; wholesome; Ex. The punishment had a salutary effect on the boy; CF. health

□ **salvage** rescue (goods or property) from loss; N: saving; property saved

♠ **sanctimonious** displaying ostentatious or hypocritical devoutness; N. sanctimony: hypocritical piety

□ **sanction** approve; ratify; N: permission; penalty intended to enforce compliance

□ **sanctuary** place of refuge; shelter; shrine; holy place; Ex. The outlaw was granted sanctuary in the church.

□ **sanguinary** bloody; with much bloodshed

□ **sanguine** optimistic; cheerful; hopeful; of the color of blood; red

♠ **sap** diminish; weaken; undermine the foundations of (a fortification); Ex. The element kryptonite sapped his strength.

□ **sarcasm** cutting ironic remark; scornful remarks; stinging rebuke; ADJ. sarcastic

♠ **sardonic** scornfully mocking; disdainful; sarcastic; cynical; Ex. sardonic smile

♠ **sartorial** pertaining to tailors or tailoring; Ex. a man of great sartorial elegance; CF. sartor: tailor

♠ **sate** satisfy to the full; satisfy to excess; cloy

♡ **doze** sleep lightly; nap

□ **satellite** small body revolving around a larger one

□ **satiate** satisfy fully (physical needs such as hunger); sate; N. satiety: condition of being satiated

□ **satire** form of literature in which irony, sarcasm, and ridicule are employed to attack human vice and folly

□ **satirical** using satire; mocking

□ **saturate** soak thoroughly; imbue; impregnate; charge; fill to capacity

♠ **saturnine** morose; gloomy; Ex. Do not be misled by his saturnine countenance.

♠ **satyr** half-human, half-bestial being in the court of Dionysus (resembling a goat), portrayed as wanton(unrestrained) and cunning; lecher; CF. faun; CF. goat: lecherous man

♠ **saunter** stroll(go for a leisurely walk) slowly; N.

♠ **savant** scholar; learned person; CF. savoir: know

♠ **savor** enjoy; have a distinctive flavor, smell, or quality; N: taste or smell; distinctive quality

♠ **savory** pleasant in taste; tasty; pleasing, attractive, or agreeable; Ex. savory reputation

♠ **scabbard** case for a sword blade; sheath

♠ **scad** a great quantity; Ex. scads of clothes

♠ **scaffold** temporary platform for workers (to work at heights above the ground); bracing framework; platform for execution

□ **scale** climb up; ascend; remove or come off in scales; N: flake of epidermis; ascending or descending series of musical tones

□ **scanty** meager; insufficient

♠ **scapegoat** someone who bears the blame for others; whipping boy; CF. escape+goat

♠ **scavenge** hunt through discarded materials for usable items or food; search, especially for food; N. scavenger: one who scavenges; animal that feeds on refuse and carrion

♡ **refuse** anything discarded or rejected as worthless; trash

□ **scenario** plot outline; screenplay(script for a movie); opera libretto; outline of possible future events

□ **schematic** of a schema or scheme; relating to an outline or diagram; using a system of symbols; N. schema: diagrammatic representation; outline

♡ **scheme** systematic plan; plot; clever dishonest plan; orderly arrangement of elements; Ex. health insurance scheme; Ex. a scheme to escape taxes; Ex. a color scheme; Ex. a story with no scheme; V: contrive a scheme

♠ **schism** division into factions (esp. within a religious body); split

♠ **scintilla** trace; minute amount; shred; least bit; Ex. There is not a scintilla of truth; CF. spark

♠ **scintillate** sparkle; flash; be animated; be full of life; Ex. scintillating conversation

♠ **scoff** laugh (at); mock; ridicule; Ex. scoff at their threats

♠ **scotch** stamp out(put an end to); thwart; hinder; Ex. scotch the rumor; CF. cut; CF.

♥ **score** number of points; written form of a musical composition; reason; group of 20; notch or incision; Ex. full/vocal score; Ex. Don't worry on that score; V: mark with lines or notches; Ex. score the paper to make it easy to fold

♥ **stamp** step on heavily (so as to crush or extinguish); put an end to; imprint or impress with a mark, design, or seal; shape with a die; characterize; Ex. machine stamping out car bodies; Ex. newspaper stamping him as a liar; N. stamping; implement used to stamp; impression stamped; mark; Ex. Her remarks bear the stamp of truth.

♠ **scourge** lash; whip (formerly used for punishment); source of severe punishment; V: whip; afflict

♠ **scruple** hesitate for ethical reasons; fret about; Ex. She did not scruple to read his diary; N: uneasy feeling arising from conscience; conscience

□ **scrupulous** conscientious; extremely thorough; Ex. scrupulous worker

□ **scrutinize** examine closely and critically; N. scrutiny

♠ **scuffle** struggle confusedly; move off in a confused hurry; N. CF. scuffling twins ?

♥ **shuffle** mix together; jumble; move (something) from one place to another; slide (the feet) along the ground while walking; Ex. shuffle papers from one pile to another; N.

♠ **scurrilous** abusive; obscene; indecent; Ex. scurrilous remark

♠ **scurry** move hastily; hurry; move briskly

♠ **scurvy** contemptible; despicable; N: disease caused by deficiency of Vitamin C

♠ **scuttle** sink (a ship) by cutting holes in the hull; scrap; discard; N: small hatch in a ship's deck or hull

♥ **hull** husk; dry outer covering of a seed; frame or body of a ship

♠ **seamy** sordid; base; filthy; unwholesome; Ex. seamy side of city life

♥ **base** contemptible; morally bad; inferior in value or quality; Ex. base motives/conduct; Ex. base metal such as iron

♠ **sear** burn the surface of; char or burn; brand; parch; cause (a plant) to wither

♥ **char** make or become black by burning; reduce or be reduced to carbon or charcoal(black substance made by burning wood) by incomplete combustion

♥ **scorch** sear; N.

♥ **brand** trademark; mark burned on the hide of an animal; mark burned into the flesh of criminals; mark of disgrace; V: mark with a brand; give a lasting bad name; stigmatize; Ex. The press branded him a liar.

♥ **hide** skin of an animal

□ **seasoned** experienced

♥ **season** enhance the flavor of by adding a spice, etc.; inure; harden; N. seasoning: something used in seasoning

♥ **seasonal** of a particular season; Ex. seasonal rise in employment

♥ **seasonable** occurring at the proper time or season; opportune; Ex. seasonable intervention in the dispute

□ **secession** withdrawal; V. secede: withdraw formally from membership

□ **seclusion** isolation; solitude; V. seclude: set apart from others; isolate

♠ **secrete** conceal; hide away or cache; produce and release a substance into an organism; CF. secretive

□ **sect** separate religious body; faction; group of people with common beliefs within a larger group

♥ **sectarian** of a sect; narrow-minded; parochial; N: member of a sect; narrow-minded person

♥ **denomination** religious group; unit in a system; name or designation; CF. denominator: common trait or characteristic

□ **secular** worldly; not pertaining to church matters or religion; temporal

♠ **sedate** composed (with no excitement); grave; V: administer a sedative to; CF. sedative

□ **sedentary** requiring sitting; done while sitting; not moving from one place to another; settled; Ex. sedentary job/population

□ **sedition** conduct or language inciting rebellion; rebellion; resistance to authority; insubordination; ADJ. seditious

♠ **sedulous** diligent; assiduous; paying attention; N. sedulity

♠ **seedy** run-down; decrepit; disreputable; having many seeds; Ex. seedy downtown hotel

♥ **run-down** (of a place) dilapidated; in a bad condition; (of a person) weak or exhausted

♠ **seemly** (of behavior) proper; appropriate

♠ **seep** pass slowly through small openings; ooze; trickle; N. seepage

♠ **seethe** be violently disturbed; boil; (of a liquid) move about wildly as if boiling; Ex. The nation was seething with discontent.

♠ **seine** seine net; net for catching fish

□ **seismic** pertaining to earthquakes

♠ **semblance** outward appearance; guise; Ex. We called in the troops to bring a/some semblance of order to the city.

□ **seminal** related to seed or semen; germinal; creative; providing a basis for further development; influencing future developments; Ex. seminal research in a new field

♠ **seminary** school for training future ministers; secondary school, especially for young women

□ **senility** old age; feeble-mindedness of old age; ADJ. senile: resulting from old age; showing the weakness of body or mind from old age; Ex. senile dementia

♡ **feebleminded** deficient in intelligence; very stupid

♠ **sensitization** process of being made sensitive or acutely responsive to an external agent or substance; V. sensitize: make or become sensitive

□ **sensual** devoted to the pleasures of the sense; carnal; voluptuous; Ex. sensual woman/curves/lips —

♡ **voluptuous** sensual; of or giving sensual pleasure; indulging in sensual pleasures; Ex. voluptuous lines; Ex. voluptuous life of the Romans; N. voluptuary: voluptuous person

□ **sensuous** giving pleasure to the senses; pertaining to the physical senses; operating through the senses; sensuous feeling of soft velvet on the skin +

♠ **sententious** pithy; terse; concise; aphoristic

♠ **sentient** capable of sensation and consciousness; aware; sensitive; Ex. sentient creature; N. sentience

□ **sentinel** sentry; lookout

♡ **lookout** act of keeping watch; high place commanding a wide view; person who keeps watch

♠ **septic** of or causing sepsis; putrid; producing putrefaction; N. sepsis: poisoning of part of the body (producing pus)

♠ **sepulcher** tomb; V: place in a sepulcher; ADJ. sepulchral

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♠ **sequester** isolate; segregate; seclude; retire from public life

♠ **sere** sear; parched; dry

♠ **serendipity** gift for finding valuable things by accident; accidental good fortune or luck; CF. The Three Princes of Serendip

□ **serenity** calmness; placidity; ADJ. serene

♠ **serpentine** winding; twisting; of or like a serpent; Ex. serpentine course of the river; N. serpent: snake

♠ **serrated** having a sawtoothed edge; Ex. serrated leaf

□ **servile** slavish; cringing; N. servility

□ **servitude** slavery; compulsory labor imposed as a punishment

♠ **sever** separate; cut off (a part) from a whole; break up (a relationship); N. severance; CF. severance pay: extra pay given an employee upon leaving a position

□ **severity** harshness; intensity; sternness; austerity; ADJ. severe: harsh; strict; extremely violent or intense

♠ **sextant** navigation tool used to determine a ship's latitude and longitude (by measuring the altitudes of stars)

♠ **shackle** chain; fetter; confine with shackles; N.

♠ **sham** pretend; feign; ADJ: not genuine; fake; Ex. sham jewelry; N: something that is not what it appears; impostor; pretense; Ex. The agreement was a sham.

♠ **shambles** (place or scene of) complete disorder or ruin; wreck; mess; Ex. After the hurricane, the coast was a shambles.

♠ **shard** fragment generally of broken pottery (glass, clay bowl, or cup)

♠ **shaving** very thin piece, usually of wood (cut from a surface with a sharp blade)

♡ **plane** carpenter's tool for smoothing and leveling wood; V. CF. flat

♠ **sheaf** bundle of stalks of grain; any bundle of things tied together

♠ **sheath** place into a case; insert into or provide with a sheath; Ex. He sheathed his dagger; N. sheath: case for a blade

♠ **sherbet** flavored dessert ice

♠ **shimmer** shine with a flickering light; glimmer intermittently; Ex. The moonlight shimmered on the water; N.

♠ **shirk** avoid (responsibility, work, etc.); malinger

♠ **shoddy** made of inferior material; sham; not genuine; inferior; dishonest; Ex. shoddy goods/trick

♠ **shrew** scolding woman; very small mouselike animal

□ **shrewd** clever; astute

♠ **shun** keep away from; avoid deliberately; Ex. She has been shunned by her neighbors.

♠ **shunt** move (a railway train) from one track to another; turn aside; divert; sidetrack; Ex. shunt traffic around an accident; N.

♡ **sidetrack** switch (a railroad car) to a siding; divert from a main issue; N. CF. siding: short section of railroad track connected by switches with a main track

♠ **shyster** lawyer using questionable methods; unscrupulous practitioner

□ **sibling** brother or sister

♠ **sibylline** prophetic; oracular; N. sibyl: woman prophet (in the ancient world)

♠ **sidereal** relating to stars; Ex. sidereal day

♠ **silt** sediment deposited by running water (at the entrance to a harbor or by a bend in a river)

♠ **simian** monkeylike; N: ape or monkey

□ **simile** comparison of one thing with another, using the word like or as

♠ **simper** smirk; smile in a silly way; smile affectedly

□ **simplistic** oversimplified

□ **simulate** feign; imitate

♠ **sinecure** well-paid position with little responsibility; CF. sine cure: without care; CF. San Serif

♠ **sinewy** (of meat) tough; strong and firm; muscular; N. sinew: tendon; strong cord connecting a muscle to a bone

□ **singular** being only one; individual; unique; extraordinary; odd; Ex. singular beauty/behavior

□ **sinister** evil; ominous

♠ **sinuous** twisting; winding; bending in and out; not morally honest

□ **skeptic** sceptic; doubter; person who suspends judgment until he has examined the evidence supporting a point of view; ADJ. skeptical; N. skepticism; scepticism

♠ **skiff** small light sailboat or rowboat

♠ **skimp** provide or use scantily; live very economically; Ex. skimp on necessities; ADJ. skimpy: inadequate in amount; scanty; stingy; niggardly

♠ **skinflint** miser; stingy person

□ **skirmish** minor fight; minor battle in war; V.

♠ **skittish** inconstant; capricious; frivolous; not serious; Ex. charming but skittish young woman; CF. skit

♡ **frisk** move about playfully; froric; ADJ. frisky: playful

♠ **skullduggery**(**skullduggery**) dishonest behavior or action; Ex. skullduggery in the election

♠ **skulk** move furtively and secretly; Ex. He skulked through the less fashionable sections of the city.

♠ **slacken** slow up; loosen; make or become slack

♡ **slack** moving slowly; sluggish; inactive; (of a rope) loose; negligent; lax; Ex. slack season; Ex. slack in one's work; N. V.

♠ **slag** glassy residue from smelting metal; dross; waste matter

□ **slake** satisfy (thirst); quench; sate

□ **slander** defamation; utterance of false and malicious statements; V. ADJ. slanderous

♠ **slapdash** hasty and careless; haphazard; sloppy(carelessly done)

♠ **sleazy** shabby and dirty; flimsy; insubstantial; Ex. sleazy back-street hotel/fabric

♠ **sleepier** one that achieves unexpected success; something originally of little value or importance that in time becomes very valuable

□ **sleight** dexterity; CF. sleight of hand: legerdemain; quickness of the hands in doing tricks

♠ **slew** large quantity or number; Ex. slew of errands left

♠ **slight** insult to one's dignity; snub; V: treat as if of small importance; insult; snub; ADJ. small in size; of small importance

♠ **slipshod** slovenly; careless; sloppy; untidy; shabby; Ex. slipshod work

♠ **slither** slip or slide

□ **sloth** slow moving tree-dwelling mammal; laziness; ADJ. slothful: lazy; indolent

♠ **slough** (of a snake) shed or cast off (dead outer skin); N: outer layer that is shed

♠ **slovenly** untidy; careless in work habits; slipshod; N. sloven: one who is habitually untidy or careless

♡ **sledge** large sled drawn by work animals

♡ **sleigh** large vehicle drawn by a horse over snow or ice

♠ **sluggard** lazy person

□ **sluggish** lazy; slow; inactive; lethargic; CF. slug: nail with no shell

♠ **sluice** artificial channel for directing or controlling the flow of water (with a gate to regulate the flow)

♠ **slur** slander; insult to one's character or reputation; V.

♠ **slur** pronounce indistinctly; speak indistinctly; mumble

♠ **smattering** slight knowledge; small scattered number or amount; Ex. smattering of German

♠ **smelt** melt (ore) for separating and removing the metal; melt or blend ores changing their chemical composition

♠ **smirk** conceited smile; offensively self-satisfied smile (often at someone else's misfortune); V.

♠ **smolder** smoulder; burn slowly without flame; be liable to break out at any moment; exist in a suppressed state; Ex. smoldering anger

♠ **snicker** half-stifled(suppressed) laugh; V.

♠ **snivel** complain or whine tearfully; run at the nose; snuffle; Ex. Don't come back sniveling to me.

♡ **snuffle** sniffle; sniff repeatedly (in order to keep liquid from running out of the nose)

□ **sobriety** moderation (especially regarding indulgence in alcohol); seriousness

♡ **sober** serious; solemn; not drunken; abstemious or temperate; V: make or become sober

♠ **sodden** thoroughly soaked; dull or stupid as if from drink

♠ **sojourn** temporary stay; V: stay for a time

♠ **solace** comfort in sorrow or trouble; consolation; V: comfort or console in time of sorrow or trouble

♠ **solder** repair or make whole by using a metal alloy; N: metal alloy (usually tin and lead) used in the molten state to join metallic parts

♠ **solecism** nonstandard grammatical construction; construction that is flagrantly incorrect grammatically; violation of social etiquette

□ **solemnity** seriousness; gravity

□ **solicit** entreat; request earnestly; seek to obtain; Ex. solicit votes; CF. solicitor: one who solicits; chief law officer

♠ **solicitous** anxious; worried; concerned; eager; Ex. solicitous to do something; N. solicitude

□ **soliloquy** talking to oneself (esp. in a play); CF. monologue: soliloquy; long speech by one person (often monopolizing a conversation)

□ **solitude** state of being alone; seclusion; ADJ. solitary: existing or living alone (esp. by choice); remote or secluded; single; sole; Ex. solitary life/inn; Ex. no solitary piece of proof

□ **solstice** point or time at which the sun is farthest from the equator

□ **soluble** able to be dissolved in a liquid; able to be worked out or solved

□ **solvent** able to pay all depths; N. solvency

□ **solvent** substance that dissolves another; ADJ: capable of dissolving another substance

□ **somatic** pertaining to the body; bodily; physical

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♠ **somber** dark; gloomy; melancholy; depressing; CF. shadow

□ **somnambulist** sleepwalker; V. somnambulate; N. somnambulism

♠ **somnolent** half asleep; drowsy; N. somnolence

♠ **sonorous** resonant; producing a full deep sound; producing sound

♡ **sonic** of sound or its speed in air; CF. subsonic, supersonic

♡ **sonnet** 14-line poetic verse form with a fixed rhyme pattern

□ **sophist** teacher of philosophy; quibbler; employer of fallacious reasoning; N. sophism: plausible but fallacious argument

□ **sophisticated** worldly wise and urbane; refined; complex; N. sophistication; V. sophisticate

□ **sophistry** seemingly plausible but fallacious reasoning; sophism

♠ **sophomoric** immature; half-baked; like a sophomore

♠ **soporific** sleep-causing; marked by sleepiness; drowsy

♠ **sordid** filthy; foul; base; vile; Ex. sordid bed/story

♠ **spangle** small shiny metallic piece sewn to clothing for ornamentation

□ **sparse** not thick; thinly scattered; scanty

♠ **spartan** without attention to comfort; lacking luxury and comfort; sternly disciplined; Ex. spartan living condition/life

♠ **spasmodic** fitful; periodic; of or like a spasm; N. spasm: sudden involuntary muscular contraction; sudden burst of energy or emotion

♠ **spat** squabble; minor dispute; minor quarrel

♠ **spate** sudden flood or rush; Ex. spate of accidents

□ **spatial** relating to space

♠ **spatula** broad-bladed instrument used for spreading or mixing

□ **spawn** lay eggs (in large numbers); produce offspring (in large numbers); N: eggs of aquatic animals

□ **specious** seemingly reasonable but incorrect; misleading (often intentionally)

□ **spectral** ghostly; N. specter: spectre; ghost; phantom

□ **spectrum** colored band produced when a beam of light passes through a prism; broad and continuous range; Ex. whole spectrum of modern thoughts

♠ **spendthrift** someone who wastes money; CF. thrift: accumulated wealth

♠ **sphinx-like** enigmatic; mysterious

♠ **splice** join together end to end to make one continuous length; fasten together; unite; Ex. splice two strips of tape; N.

□ **spontaneity** lack of premeditation; naturalness; freedom from constraint; ADJ. spontaneous: self-generated; un-premeditated; happening without being planned

♠ **spoonerism** accidental transposition of sounds in successive words; Ex. “Let me sew you to your sheet” for “Let me show you to your seat”; CF. William Spooner

♡ **transpose** reverse the order or position of

□ **sporadic** occurring irregularly; intermittent

♠ **sportive** playful; frolicsome; merry; CF. sport: play or frolic; CF. sportsmanlike

♠ **spruce** neat and trim in appearance; smart; Ex. Be spruce for your job interview; V.

♠ **spry** (esp. of older people) vigorously active; nimble

♡ **nimble** quick in movement; agile; quick in understanding; Ex. nimble climber/mind

♠ **spurious** false; counterfeit; forged; illogical; Ex. spurious arguments

♠ **spurn** reject disdainfully; scorn; Ex. She spurned all offers of help.

♠ **squabble** minor quarrel; bickering; V: engage in a minor quarrel; Ex. squabbling children

♠ **squalor** condition of being squalid; filth; degradation; dirty neglected state; ADJ. squalid: dirty; sordid; morally repulsive; Ex. squalid story

□ **squander** waste; spend foolishly

♠ **squat** short and thick; stocky; Ex. ugly squat tower; V. N.

♠ **staccato** played in an abrupt manner; marked by abrupt sharp sound; Ex. staccato applause

♡ **legato** (of music) played smoothly

□ **stagnant** (of water) not flowing (often bad-smelling); motionless; stale; not developing; inactive; dull; Ex. stagnant industrial output

♠ **staid** serious and sedate; sober; Ex. staid during the funeral ceremony

□ **stalemate** deadlock; situation in which further action is blocked

♠ **stalwart** physically strong; brawny; steadfast; strong in mind or determination; Ex. stalwart supporter; N: stalwart follower

□ **stamina** power of endurance; strength; staying power

♠ **stanch** stop or check flow of blood; Ex. stanch the gushing wound

♠ **stanza** division of a poem (composed of two or more lines)

□ **static** having no motion; unchanging; lacking development; N. stasis: stable state

□ **statute** law enacted by the legislature

□ **statutory** created by statute or legislative action; regulated by statute; Ex. statutory age limit

♠ **steadfast** steadily loyal; unswerving; steady

□ **stealth** action of moving secretly or unseen; slyness; sneakiness; secretiveness; ADJ. stealthy

♠ **steep** soak; saturate; Ex. steep the fabric in the dye bath; ADJ: precipitous

□ **stellar** pertaining to the stars; of a star performer; outstanding; Ex. stellar attraction of the entire performance

♠ **stem** stop or check (the flow of); Ex. stem the bleeding from the slashed artery; N: main axis of a plant; stalk

□ **stem from** arise from; originate from

♠ **stentorian** (of the voice) extremely loud; CF. Stentor: a loud herald in the Iliad

□ **stereotype** one regarded as embodying a set image or type; fixed and unvarying representation; standardized mental picture often reflecting prejudice; Ex. stereotype of the happy slave; V: make a stereotype of; represent by a stereotype; Ex. It is wrong to stereotype people; Ex. stereotyped answer

♠ **stickler** perfectionist; person who insists things be exactly right

♠ **stifle** suppress; extinguish; inhibit; smother or suffocate

♡ **smother** kill from lack of air; suppress; cover thickly; Ex. smothered in little stickers

♡ **suffocate** die or kill from lack of air; suppress

♠ **stigma** token of disgrace; brand; V. stigmatize: mark with a stigma; characterize as disgraceful

♠ **stilted** bombastic; stiffly pompous; Ex. stilted rhetoric; CF. stiff: formal

♠ **stint** set limits in amount or number; be thrifty; ADJ. stinting, unstinting; CF. stint:savings

♠ **stint** supply; allotted amount of work; assigned portion of work; limitation; Ex. two-year stint in the army; Ex. without stint

♠ **stipend** pay for services

♠ **stipple** paint or draw with dots or short strokes

□ **stipulate** state as a necessary condition (of an agreement); make express conditions; specify; Ex. He stipulated payment in advance

♠ **stock** standard; kept regularly in stock or supply; typical; routine; common; Ex. stock sizes of paper; Ex. stock excuse/character; N: goods for sale in a shop; OP. unique

♠ **stockade** wooden enclosure or pen; fixed line of posts used as defensive barrier

♡ **pen** fenced enclosure for animals; confining space; Ex. sheep pen; V: confine in a pen; enclose

♠ **stodgy** dull; stuffy; boringly conservative; Ex. stodgy book

□ **stoic** stoical; impassive; unmoved by joy or grief; N. CF. stoicism

♠ **stoke** stir up a fire or furnace; feed plentifully

♠ **stolid** dull; impassive; showing little emotion when strong feelings are expected

□ **stratagem** deceptive scheme; clever trick

□ **stratified** divided into classes; arranged into strata; V. stratify

□ **stratum** layer of earth's surface; layer of society; PL. strata

♠ **strew** spread randomly; sprinkle; scatter; Ex. flower girl strewing rose petals

♠ **striated** marked with parallel bands; striped; grooved; Ex. striated rocks; V. striate; N. stria: thin groove or line

♠ **stricture** severe and adverse criticism; critical comments; limit or restriction

♠ **strident** loud and harsh; insistent; N. stridency

□ **stringent** (of rules) binding; rigid; marked by scarcity of money; Ex. stringent economic conditions

♠ **strut** pompous walk; V: walk in a self-important manner

♠ **strut** supporting bar; CF. airplane wing building support

♠ **studied** carefully contrived; calculated; uns spontaneous; deliberate; thoughtful; Ex. studied remark

♠ **stultify** make stupid in mind; cause to appear or become stupid or inconsistent; suppress; frustrate or hinder; Ex. stultifying effect of uninteresting work; Ex. stultify free expression

♠ **stupefy** stun; make numb (as with a drug); amaze

♠ **stupor** state of being stupefied; state of apathy; daze; lack of awareness

♡ **stun** make unconscious or numb as by a blow; amaze; astound

♡ **daze** stun as with a blow or shock; bemuse; benumb; N.

♠ **stygian** unpleasantly dark; gloomy; hellish; deathly; CF. Styx: the chief river in the subterranean land of the dead

♠ **stymie** thwart; present an obstacle; stump

♡ **stump** base of a tree trunk left after the rest has been cut down; V: walk in a heavy manner; baffle; puzzle

♠ **suavity** urbanity; polish; ADJ. suave: smooth and courteous

♠ **subaltern** subordinate

□ **subdue** less intense; quieter; Ex. subdued lighting; Ex. subdue: conquer; make less intense; quiet; Ex. subdue one's anger

□ **subjective** influenced by personal feelings; occurring or taking place within the mind; unreal; Ex. subjective sensation of the ghostly presence

□ **subjugate** conquer; bring under control

□ **sublimate** refine; purify; replace (natural urges) with socially acceptable activities; change between a solid state and a gaseous state

□ **sublime** causing deep feelings of wonder, joy, respect, etc.; exalted; noble and uplifting; utter

- **subliminal** below the threshold of conscious perception; Ex. subliminal advertisement
- **submissive** willing to obey orders; yielding; timid
- **subordinate** occupying a lower rank; inferior; submissive; N. V: put in a lower rank or class
- ♠ **suborn** persuade to act unlawfully (especially to commit perjury); N. subornation
- ♠ **subpoena** writ(written command issued by a court) summoning a witness to appear in court; V: summon with a subpoena
- **subsequent** following in time or order; later
- **subservient** behaving like a slave; servile; obsequious; subordinate; N. subservience
- **subside** sink to a lower level; settle down; sink to the bottom (as a sediment); descend; grow quiet; become less; moderate; abate
- **subsidiary** serving to assist; subordinate; secondary; of a subsidy; N.
- **subsidy** direct financial aid by government, etc.; V. subsidize: assist with a subsidy
- **subsistence** existence; means of subsisting; means of support; livelihood; V. subsist: exist; maintain life (at a meager level)
- **substantial** of substance; material; solid; essential or fundamental; ample; considerable; well-to-do; wealthy
- **substantiate** support (a claim) with evidence; establish with evidence; verify
- ♠ **substantive** substantial; essential; pertaining to the substance; substantial; considerable; Ex. substantive issues
- ♠ **subsume** include (as a member of a group); encompass
- ♠ **subterfuge** stratagem(deceptive scheme); pretense; evasion; Ex. resort to a harmless subterfuge
- **subtlety** perceptiveness; ingenuity; delicacy; ADJ. subtle: delicate; so slight as to be difficult to detect; able to make fine distinctions; clever; Ex. subtle mind/differences in meaning
- ♠ **subversive** tending to overthrow or ruin; V. subvert: overthrow completely (an established system); destroy completely; CF. undermine ?
- **succor** assist (someone in difficulty); aid; comfort; N.
- ♠ **succulent** juicy; full of juice or sap; full of richness; N: succulent plant such as a cactus
- **succumb** yield (to something overwhelming); give in; die; Ex. succumb to the illness
- ♠ **suffragist** advocate of the extension of voting rights (for women); CF. suffrage
- ♠ **suffuse** spread through or over (with a color or liquid); charge; Ex. A blush suffused her cheeks.
- ♠ **sully** defile; soil; tarnish; Ex. sully one's hands in menial labor

- ♥ **tarnish** make or become dull or discolored; N.
- **sultry** (of weather) hot; sweltering; sensual; voluptuous
- **summation** act of finding the total; summing-up; summary (esp. one given by the judge at the end of a trial)
- ♠ **sumptuous** grand suggesting great expense; lavish; rich; Ex. sumptuous feast
- ♠ **sunder** separate; part; CF. asunder
- ♠ **sundry** miscellaneous; various; several; N. sundries: small miscellaneous items
- ♠ **superannuated** retired or disqualified because of age; outmoded; obsolete
- **supercilious** haughty; arrogant; condescending; patronizing; CF. eyebrow, cilium
- ♠ **supererogatory** superfluous; more than needed or demanded
- **superficial** of the surface; not deep; shallow; not thorough; trivial; Ex. superficial analysis/knowledge
- **superfluous** excessive; overabundant; unnecessary; N. superfluity
- **superimpose** place over something else
- ♠ **supernumerary** person or thing excess of what is necessary; extra; ADJ: additional to the usual or necessary number
- **supersede** replace; cause to be set aside; make obsolete; N. supersession
- ♠ **supine** lying on back; passive; inactive; Ex. The defeated pugilist lay supine; Ex. supine acceptance of the decision
- **supplant** take the place of unfairly; usurp; replace
- **supple** flexible; limber; pliant
- **suppliant** entreating; beseeching; N.
- **supplicate** petition humbly; pray to grant a favor
- ♥ **supplicant** one who supplicates; ADJ.
- **supposition** assumption; hypothesis; surmise; V. suppose
- ♠ **supposititious** assumed; counterfeit; hypothetical
- **suppress** put an end to forcibly; subdue; stifle; overwhelm; inhibit the expression of; check; prevent from being published or made public; Ex. suppress a smile; Ex. suppress the magazine/truth
- ♠ **surfeit** satiate; feed or supply to excess; stuff; indulge to excess in anything; N: surfeiting; excessive amount; Ex. surfeit of food
- ♠ **surly** bad-tempered; rude; cross
- ♥ **cross** bad-tempered; showing ill-humor; angry
- **surmise** guess; N.
- **surmount** overcome
- **surpass** exceed
- **surreptitious** done secretly; secret; furtive; sneaky; hidden
- ♠ **surrogate** substitute; person or thing used in place of another; Ex. surrogate mother; ADJ.

□ **surveillance** close observation of a person (esp. one under suspicion); watching; guarding

♠ **susceptible** impressionable; easily influenced; sensitive; having little resistance as to a disease; likely to suffer; receptive to; capable of accepting; Ex. susceptible to persuasion/colds; Ex. The agreement is not susceptible of alteration; N. susceptibility

□ **sustain** suffer (harm or loss); experience; support; prop; maintain; keep in existence; nourish (to maintain life); Ex. sustain the family/the trapped miners

□ **sustenance** sustaining; means of livelihood, support, food, nourishment; something that maintains life; food

♠ **suture** stitches sewn to hold the cut edges of a wound or incision; material used in sewing; V: sew together a wound

♠ **swarthy** (of a skin or complexion) dark; dusky; Ex. swarthy Italian ?

♠ **swathe** swath; wrap around; bandage; Ex. one's head swathed in bandages

♠ **swelter** (of a person) suffer from oppressive heat; be oppressed by heat

♠ **swerve** deviate; turn aside sharply from a straight course; Ex. swerve from the principle; Ex. The car swerved to the right.

♠ **swill** drink greedily

□ **swindler** cheater

♠ **sybarite** lover of luxury; person devoted to pleasure and luxury; CF. Sybaris: an ancient Greek city in Italy

□ **sycophant** servile flatterer; bootlicker; yes man; ADJ. sycophantic

□ **syllogism** logical formula consisting of a major premise, a minor premise and a conclusion; deceptive or specious argument

♠ **sylvan** pertaining to the woods or the country

♠ **symbiosis** interdependent relationship (between groups, species) often mutually beneficial; ADJ. symbiotic; CF. together + life

□ **symmetry** arrangement of parts so that balance is obtained; congruity; ADJ. symmetrical

♡ **lopsided** heavier or larger on one side than the other; Ex. lopsided way of walking

□ **synchronous** similarly timed; simultaneous with; occurring at the same time; V. synchronize

□ **synoptic** providing a general overview; summary; N. synopsis

□ **synthesis** combining parts or separate things into a whole; the whole so formed; PL. syntheses; V. synthesize

□ **synthetic** not natural; artificial; resulting from synthesis; Ex. synthetic fiber; N.

□ **tacit** understood (without actually being expressed); not put into words; Ex. tacit agreement

♠ **taciturn** habitually silent; talking little

□ **tactile** pertaining to the organs or sense of touch

♡ **tact** skill or sensitivity in dealing with people without causing offence

♡ **tactful** careful not to cause offence; OP. tactless

♠ **taint** contaminate; cause to lose purity; modify with a trace of something bad; Ex. tainted reputation; N: stain; touch of decay or bad influence; CF. touch

♠ **talisman** charm; object believed to give supernatural powers to or protect its bearer

♠ **talon** claw of bird

♠ **tangential** only slightly connected; not central; peripheral; digressing; showing divergence; CF. tangent

□ **tangible** able to be touched; real; concrete; palpable; possible to realize or understand; Ex. tangible proof

♠ **tanner** person who turns animal hides into leather

♡ **tan** convert (hide) into leather; make brown by exposure to the sun

♠ **tantalize** tease; excite by exposing something desirable while keeping it out of reach; torture with disappointment; CF. Tantalus: Greek mythological figure

♠ **tantamount** equivalent in effect or value; Ex. This invasion is tantamount to a declaration of war; CF. amount

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♠ **tantrum** fit of bad temper; fit of petulance; caprice; Ex. The child went into tantrums.

♠ **taper** very thin candle; gradual decrease in the width of a long object; V. make or become gradually narrower toward one end

♠ **tarantula** venomous spider

♠ **tarry** linger; delay in starting or going; dawdle

♠ **taut** tight; strained; tense; ready; OP. slack

♠ **tautological** needlessly repetitious; Ex. "It was visible to the eye"; N. tautology: needless repetition of the same sense; statement that is always true

♠ **tawdry** cheap and gaudy; Ex. tawdry jewelry

□ **taxonomist** specialist in classifying (animals, etc.); CF. taxonomy: science of classification

□ **tedium** boredom; weariness; ADJ. tedious

♠ **teetotalism** practice of abstaining totally from alcoholic drinks; N. teetotaler;; ADJ. teetotal; CF. T + total

□ **temerity** boldness; nerve; rashness; Ex. temerity to ask for a pay increase after only three day's work

□ **temper** moderate; make less severe; tone down or restrain; toughen (steel) as by alternate heating and cooling

□ **temperament** characteristic frame of mind; disposition; emotional excess; ADJ. temperamental: of temperament; having frequent changes of temper; Ex. temperamental dislike of sports; Ex. temperamental actress

□ **temperate** moderate; restrained; self-controlled; moderate in respect to temperature; CF. temperance: moderation and self-restraint; abstinence of alcoholic drinks; Ex. temperance society

♠ **tempestuous** stormy; violent; impassioned; N. tempest: violent storm

□ **tempo** speed of music

♠ **temporal** of time; not lasting forever; limited by time; temporary; secular; worldly

♠ **temporize** gain time as by postponing an action; avoid committing oneself

□ **tenacious** holding fast (as to a belief); persistent

□ **tenacity** firmness; persistence

♠ **tendentious** promoting a particular point of view; biased; having an aim; designed to further a cause; Ex. tendentious rather than truth-seeking; CF. tend: move in a certain direction

□ **tender** offer formally; extend; Ex. tender one's resignation/the exact fare; N: formal offer; money; Ex. legal tender; ADJ: young and vulnerable; sensitive to the touch; sore; soft; delicate; Ex. child of tender years; Ex. tender wound

□ **tenet** doctrine; dogma

♠ **tensile** capable of being stretched; of tension; Ex. tensile rubber

♡ **tension** stretching; condition of being stretched; mental strain; strained relationship between groups or people

♠ **tentative** not fully worked out or developed; provisional; experimental; uncertain; hesitant; not definite or positive; Ex. tentative agreement/reply

♠ **tenuous** thin; slim; rare

□ **tenure** holding of an office or real estate; time during which such an office is held

♠ **tepid** lukewarm; slightly warm; ; half-hearted; not eager; Ex. tepid reaction to the new film; Ex. tepid supporter

□ **termination** end; V. terminate

□ **terminology** terms used in a science or art; study of nomenclature

♠ **terminus** last stop of railroad; end

♡ **terminal** part that forms the end; railroad or bus station; ADJ. forming an end; ending in death; fatal; Ex. terminal cancer

□ **terrestrial** on or relating to the earth

□ **terse** concise; abrupt; pithy

♠ **tertiary** third in order or rank

♠ **tessellated** mosaic; inlaid; Ex. tessellated pattern

♠ **testator** maker of a will; CF. testatrix

♠ **testy** irritable; impatient and bad-tempered; short-tempered; N. testiness

♠ **tether** tie (an animal) with a rope or tether; N: rope or chain to which an animal is tied; limit of one's endurance; Ex. the end of one's tether

□ **thematic** of a theme; relating to a unifying motif or idea

□ **theocracy** government run by religious leaders

□ **theoretical** based on theory; not practical or applied; hypothetical

□ **therapeutic** curative; N. therapy

♠ **thermal** pertaining to heat; producing heat; warm; Ex. thermal bath; N: rising current of warm air

♠ **thespian** pertaining to drama; N: actor or actress

♡ **drama** prose or verse composition to be performed by actors; play; exciting and unusual situation

♠ **thrall** slave; bondage; slavery; Ex. Her beauty held him in thrall; CF. enthral

♠ **threadbare** worn through till the threads show; shabby and poor; hackneyed; Ex. threadbare excuses

□ **thrifty** careful about money; economical; N. thrift

□ **thrive** prosper; flourish

□ **throes** violent anguish

♠ **throng** crowd (of people or things); V.

♠ **throttle** strangle; regulate the speed of with a throttle; N: valve that regulates the flow; CF. throat ?

♡ **strangle** kill by choking or suffocating; suppress

□ **thwart** block or hinder; baffle; frustrate

♠ **tightwad** miser; excessively frugal person

♠ **tiller** handle used to move boat's rudder (to steer)

♠ **timbre** quality of a musical tone produced by a musical instrument (which distinguishes it from others of the same pitch)

□ **timidity** lack of self-confidence or courage

□ **timorous** fearful; timid; demonstrating fear

♠ **tipple** drink (alcoholic beverages) frequently; N: alcoholic drink

♠ **tirade** long angry denunciatory speech; diatribe; harangue; extended scolding; denunciation

♡ **tardy** slow; sluggish; not on time; late; Ex. tardy arrival

□ **titanic** gigantic; N. titan

♠ **tithe** tax of one-tenth (contributed to a church); V: pay a tithe

♠ **titillate** tickle; excite pleasantly; Ex. not to titillate the audience but to enlighten it

♡ **tick** touch (the body) lightly so as to cause laughter; please

□ **title** name (of a book, film, etc.); mark of rank; formal appellation as of rank or office (such as Lord or General); right or claim to possession; championship; Ex. title as head of the family; Ex. title to the estate

♠ **titter** nervous giggle; nervous laugh; V.

♠ **titular** of a title; in name only; nominal; having the title of an office without the obligations; Ex. titular head of the company

♠ **toady** servile flatterer; yes man; sycophant; V: be a toady to; fawn

♠ **toga** Roman outer robe

□ **tome** large volume; book

♡ **handsome** large in quantity; generous; Ex. handsome reward

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♠ **tonsure** shaving of the head especially by person entering religious orders; V.

♠ **topography** physical features of a region (such as the shape and height); CF. topo-: place

♡ **torpedo** underwater explosive apparatus; V.

□ **torpor** lethargy; sluggishness; dormancy; ADJ. torpid: lethargic; lazy; inactive; (of an animal) dormant; hibernating

♠ **torque** twisting force; force producing rotation

♠ **torrent** rushing stream; flood; Ex. The rain fell in torrents.

♠ **torrid** (of weather) hot or scorching; passionate; Ex. torrid love affairs

♠ **torso** trunk of statue with head and limbs missing; human trunk

♡ **trunk** main wooden stem of a tree; human body excluding the head and limbs; torso; prehensile nose of an elephant

♠ **tortuous** winding; full of curves; Ex. tortuous mountain road

♠ **totter** shake or move unsteadily; sway as if about to fall

□ **touchstone** stone used to test the fineness of gold alloys; criterion; standard

♠ **touchy** oversensitive; easily offended; irascible; delicate; needing delicate handling; Ex. touchy situation

♠ **tout** promote or publicize (one's goods or service); praise excessively (as a form of advertisement); CF. advertise

□ **toxic** poisonous; N. toxicity

♠ **tract** propaganda pamphlet (esp. by a religious or political group); expanse of land; region of indefinite size; system of related organs; Ex. digestive tract

□ **tractable** docile; easily managed; (of something) easily changed or molded; N. tractability

□ **traduce** expose to slander

□ **trajectory** path taken by a projectile; Ex. trajectory of a bullet

♡ **elevation** elevated position; altitude; height; flat upright side of a building; angle made by pointing a gun; Ex. The elevation of her style is much admired; Ex. front elevation of the house

□ **tranquillity** calmness; peace

□ **transcendent** exceeding ordinary limits; superior; surpassing; V. transcend: go beyond; exceed; surpass; N. transcendancy

♡ **transcendental** going beyond common thought or ideas; impossible to understand by practical experiences or practices; known only by studying thoughts or intuition; OP. empirical; CF. transcendentalism

□ **transcribe** copy; write a copy of; N. transcription

□ **transgression** violation of a law; sin; V. transgress: go beyond (a limit); violate; do wrong

□ **transient** staying for a short time; momentary; temporary; N: one that is transient

□ **transition** going from one state of action to another

□ **transitory** transient; impermanent; fleeting; N. transitoriness

□ **translucent** partly transparent

□ **transmute** transform; change; convert to something different

□ **transparent** permitting light to pass through freely; easily detected; obvious; clear; Ex. transparent lie

♠ **transpire** (of a fact) become known; be revealed; happen; give off (watery waste matter) through pores

♠ **transport** strong emotion; rapture; Ex. in a transport/transportations of; V: move to strong emotion; enrapture

♠ **trappings** outward decorations; ornaments (as an outward sign of rank)

♠ **traumatic** (of an experience) deeply shocking; pertaining to an injury caused by violence; N. trauma: serious wound; emotional shock that causes lasting psychological damage

♠ **travail** strenuous work; toil; painful labor; labor of childbirth

□ **traverse** go through or across

♠ **travesty** copy or example of something that completely misrepresents the true nature of the real thing; comical parody or imitation; treatment aimed at making something appear ridiculous; Ex. travesty of justice; OP. paragon

□ **treatise** article treating a subject systematically and thoroughly

♠ **trek** travel; journey; V: make a long difficult journey

□ **tremor** trembling; slight quiver (as of the earth or from nervous agitation)

□ **tremulous** trembling; wavering

□ **trenchant** cutting; incisive; keen

♡ **furrow** long shallow trench made by a plow; deep wrinkle in the skin; V.

□ **trepidation** fear; nervous apprehension

♠ **tribulation** suffering; ordeal; distress; trial

♠ **tribunal** court of justice

♡ **tribune** official of ancient Rome elected by the plebeians to protect their rights; protector of the people

□ **tribute** tax levied by a ruler; payment made by one nation to another in acknowledgment of submission; mark of respect (such as praise or gift); Ex. pay tribute to

♠ **trident** three-pronged spear

♡ **prong** pointed projecting part

□ **trifling** trivial; unimportant

♡ **trifle** something of little importance or value; small amount; Ex. a trifle; V: treat without seriousness; flirt

- **trigger** set off; start
- ♠ **trilogy** group of three related works (connected by a shared subject but each complete in itself)
- ♠ **trinket** knickknack; bauble; cheap jewelry
- **trite** hackneyed; commonplace
- **trivia** trifles; unimportant matters
- ♠ **troth** pledge of good faith especially in betrothal; betrothal; Ex. by my troth
- ♠ **trough** long narrow container for feeding farm animals; lowest point (of a wave, business cycle, etc.); long narrow depression as between waves
- ♠ **truculence** aggressiveness; ferocity; ADJ. truculent: aggressive; pugnacious; fierce
- ♠ **truism** self-evident truth
- **truncate** cut the top off; shorten
- ♠ **tryst** meeting arranged by lovers; arrangement between lovers to meet
- ♠ **tumid** (of a part of the body) swollen; distended; bombastic; pompous
- ♠ **overblown** inflated; exaggerated
- ♠ **tumult** commotion of a great crowd; riot; noise; uproar; ADJ. tumultuous: noisy and disorderly
- **tundra** rolling treeless plain in Siberia and arctic North America
- ♡ **rolling** (of land) rising and falling in long gentle slopes; happening continuously by stages; Ex. rolling devolution of power to local governments
- ♠ **turbid** (of a liquid) having the sediment disturbed; muddy; thick
- **turbulence** state of violent agitation; ADJ. turbulent: violently agitated or disturbed
- ♠ **tureen** deep dish for serving soup
- ♠ **turgid** swollen; distended (as from liquid)
- ♠ **turmoil** extreme confusion; great commotion and confusion; Ex. throw the country into turmoil
- ♠ **turncoat** traitor
- ♠ **turpitude** depravity; baseness; Ex. moral turpitude
- ♠ **tutelage** guardianship; training; function of a tutor; instruction
- ♠ **tutelary** protective; pertaining to a guardianship; Ex. tutelary deities
- ♠ **tycoon** wealthy and powerful businessperson; wealthy leader; magnate; Ex. business tycoon
- **typhoon** tropical hurricane or cyclone
- **tyranny** oppression; cruel government; ADJ. tyrannical: of a tyrant or tyranny; despotic; V. tyrannize: treat tyrannically; oppress
- **tyro** beginner; novice
- **ubiquitous** being everywhere; omnipresent; N. ubiquity

- ♡ **wade** walk through a substance, such as water, that impedes movement

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- ♠ **ulterior** intentionally hidden; beyond what is evident; situated beyond; unstated and often questionable; Ex. ulterior motive
- **ultimate** final; not susceptible to further analysis; fundamental; Ex. The sun is the ultimate source of energy.
- ♡ **eventual** happening at last as a result; Ex. eventual victory
- ♠ **ultimatum** last demand; last warning; last statement of conditions that must be met; Ex. They have ignored our ultimatum.
- ♠ **umbrage** resentment; anger; sense of injury or insult; Ex. take umbrage at his rudeness
- **unaccountable** unexplicable; impossible to account for; unreasonable or mysterious
- **unanimity** complete agreement; ADJ. unanimous
- **unassailable** not open to attack; impregnable; not subject to question
- **unassuaged** unsatisfied; not soothed
- ♠ **unassuming** modest; Ex. the champion's unassuming manner
- ♠ **unbridled** violent; uncontrolled; Ex. unbridled rage/greed
- ♡ **bridle** harness fitted about a horse's head (used to restrain); curb; check; V: put a bridle on; control or restrain; show anger
- ♠ **uncanny** strange; mysterious; Ex. uncanny knack
- ♡ **knack** special talent; art
- ♠ **unconscionable** unscrupulous; not guided by conscience; excessive; beyond reason; Ex. unconscionable demand
- ♠ **uncouth** boorish; clumsy in speech or behavior; outlandish
- ♠ **unction** the act of anointing with oil; Ex. extreme unction
- ♠ **unctuous** oily; bland; insincerely suave
- **underlying** lying below; fundamental
- **undermine** weaken gradually; sap; dig a mine beneath
- **underscore** underline; emphasize
- **undulating** moving with a wavelike motion; V. undulate; CF. und: wave
- ♠ **unearth** dig up; discover (facts) by careful searching; Ex. He unearthed some secrets about her; OP. conceal
- ♠ **unearthly** not earthly; supernatural; weird; ghostly
- ♡ **weird** eerie; strange; unnatural
- **unequivocal** plain; clear; obvious
- **unerringly** infallibly; ADJ. unerring: making no mistakes

♠ **unexceptionable** entirely acceptable; not offering any basis for criticism

□ **unfaltering** steadfast; firm; not changing

□ **unfeigned** genuine; real

□ **unfetter** liberate; free from chains; V. unfetter

♡ **hostage** person who is kept as a prisoner by an enemy so that the other side will do what the enemy demands

♠ **unfledged** immature; not having the feathers necessary to fly; CF. fledgling

□ **unfrock** defrock; strip a priest or minister of church authority

♡ **disbar** make (a lawyer) leave the bar or the legal profession

♡ **debar** bar; forbid; exclude; Ex. debarred from jury services

♡ **bar** railing in a courtroom; legal profession; vertical line dividing a staff into equal measures; Ex. prisoner at the bar; V: shut in or out with bars; forbid; exclude; CF. barrister

♡ **bastard** illegitimate child

♠ **ungainly** (of someone) awkward in movement; clumsy; (of something) unwieldy; Ex. ungainly dancer/instrument

♠ **unguent** ointment

□ **uniformity** sameness; monotony; ADJ. uniform: the same all over

♠ **unilateral** one-sided; involving or affecting only one side; Ex. unilateral declaration

♠ **unimpeachable** that cannot be impeached; beyond doubt or question; blameless and exemplary

□ **uninhibited** unrepressed; free in behavior and feelings

□ **unintimating** unfrightening

□ **unique** without an equal; single in kind

♠ **unison** unity of pitch (in musical performance); complete accord; Ex. The choir sang in unison.

♡ **choir** group of people who sing together (esp. during religious services); place for choir

□ **universal** characterizing or affecting all; general; present everywhere; of the universe; cosmic; Ex. universal agreement; Ex. a subject of universal interest

♠ **unkempt** disheveled; uncared for in appearance; not combed; CF. comb

♠ **unmitigated** (of something bad) not moderated; unrelieved or immoderate; without qualification; absolute; Ex. unmitigated disaster

♠ **unobtrusive** inconspicuous; not blatant

□ **unprecedented** having no previous example; novel; unparalleled

♠ **unprepossessing** unattractive

♡ **prepossessing** attractive; CF. preoccupying ?

□ **unravel** disentangle; solve

□ **unrequited** not requited; not reciprocated; Ex. unrequited love

□ **unruly** disobedient; lawless; difficult to control

□ **unsavory** distasteful; disagreeable; morally offensive; Ex. unsavory activity/reputation

♠ **unscathed** unharmed; Ex. escape the accident unscathed

♠ **unseemly** unbefitting; not proper in behavior; indecent; Ex. leave with unseemly haste

♠ **unsightly** ugly; unpleasant to look at

♠ **unsullied** untarnished; CF. sully

♠ **unteachable** (of a position, esp. in an argument) indefensible; not able to be maintained

♠ **untoward** unexpected and adverse; unfortunate or unlucky; Ex. untoward encounter

□ **unwarranted** unjustified; having no justification; groundless; baseless; undeserved

□ **unwieldy** awkward (to carry or move); cumbersome; unmanageable

♠ **unwitting** not knowing; unaware; unintentional; Ex. She was their unwitting accomplice; Ex. unwitting insult; CF. wit: know

♠ **unwonted** unaccustomed; unusual; Ex. He arrived with unwonted punctuality.

♠ **upbraid** reprimand; severely scold

♡ **braid** plait; interweave strands or lengths of; make by weaving strands together; N: braided segment (as of hair)

♠ **uproarious** marked by commotion or uproar; very noisy (esp. with laughter); hilarious; causing loud laughter; extremely funny

♡ **uproar** noisy confusion

♠ **upshot** outcome; final result

♠ **urbane** suave; refined in manner; elegant

♠ **urchin** mischievous child (usually a boy); CF. urchin: hedgehog; CF. porcupine: pig with spikes ?; CF. sea urchin

□ **ursine** bearlike; pertaining to a bear

♠ **usurp** seize another's power or rank (without legal authority); supplant; appropriate; N. usurpation; CF. take for one's own use

♠ **usury** lending money at illegal high rates of interest

□ **utopia** ideal place, state, or society; ADJ. utopian

♡ **Shangri-la** imaginary remote paradise on earth; CF. Lost Horizon

♠ **uxorious** excessively submissive or devoted to one's wife; CF. uxor: wife

♠ **vacillate** waver (in opinion); fluctuate; sway to and fro; N. vacillation

♠ **vacuous** empty; lacking in ideas; inane; stupid; Ex. vacuous expression; N. vacuity

□ **vagabond** wanderer (without a permanent home); tramp

♡ **tramp** walk with a heavy step; travel on foot; N: vagrant; one who travels aimlessly about; long walk; sound of heavy walking

♡ **trample** step heavily with the feet; crush under the feet

♡ **tread** walk; trample; N: grooved face of a tire; horizontal part of a step

♠ **vagary** capricious happening; caprice; whim; CF. wander

□ **vagrant** wandering from place to place; roving; stray; moving in a random fashion; Ex. vagrant thoughts; N. vagrancy

□ **vagrant** homeless wanderer

♠ **vainglorious** boastful; excessively conceited; N. vainglory: great vanity

□ **valedictory** pertaining to farewell; N: farewell address (esp. at graduation exercises)

♡ **valediction** saying farewell; expression of leave-taking

♡ **leave-taking** farewell or departure

□ **valid** logically convincing; sound; legally acceptable; effective; Ex. valid reasoning/passport

♡ **sound** in good condition; showing good judgment or good sense; thorough; complete; Ex. sound mind/investment/training

□ **validate** make valid; confirm; ratify

□ **valor** bravery; ADJ. valiant: possessing valor; brave

□ **vampire** ghostly being that sucks the blood of the living

♠ **vanguard** forerunners; foremost position of an army; advance forces; foremost position in a trend or movement; CF. rearguard

♡ **avantgarde** group of artists whose work is based on the newest ideas and methods; CF. vanguard

□ **vantage** position giving an advantage (such as a strategic point); CF. vantagepoint

♠ **vapid** lacking liveliness; dull and unimaginative; insipid and flavorless; Ex. vapid lecture

□ **vaporize** turn into vapor (steam, gas, fog, etc.)

♠ **variegated** (esp. of a flower or leaf) many-colored

♡ **variegate** change the appearance of (by marking with different colors)

♠ **vassal** in feudalism, one who held land of a superior lord; subordinate or dependent

♠ **vaunted** boasted; bragged; highly publicized; V. vaunt: boast; brag

♠ **veer** change in direction; swerve

♠ **vegetate** live in a monotonous way (without interests or activity); CF. vegetation: plants of an area; CF. vegetarian; CF. vegan

□ **vehement** forceful; intensely emotional; with marked vigor; strong; N. vehemence

□ **velocity** speed

♠ **venal** capable of being bribed; corrupt; CF. vernal

♠ **vendetta** blood feud (esp. between two families); CF. Nina Williams

□ **vendor** seller

♠ **veneer** thin surface layer (of good quality wood, glued to a base of inferior material); cover; surface show; façade; V.

♠ **venerable** deserving high respect; commanding respect; CF. command: deserve and get

♠ **venerate** revere; treat with great respect

♠ **venial** (of a fault or sin) forgivable; trivial

♠ **venison** meat of a deer; CF. cow: beef; CF. pig: pork, ham, bacon; CF. calf: veal; CF. sheep: mutton; CF. lamb: lamb

♠ **venom** poison (of an animal); hatred; Ex. remarks full of venom; ADJ. venomous

♠ **vent** small opening; outlet (as of fumes or a gas); Ex. He gave vent to his anger by kicking the chair.

♠ **vent** release or discharge through a vent; express (esp. unfairly); utter; Ex. He vented his wrath on his family.

♡ **ventilate** admit fresh air into to replace stale air

♠ **ventral** abdominal

□ **ventriloquist** someone who can make his or her voice seem to come from another person or thing (without moving lips or jaws); N. ventriloquism, ventriloquy

□ **venture** risk; expose to risk; dare; undertake a risk; N.

♡ **brave** face courageously; Ex. brave the storm

□ **venturesome** (of a person) bold; adventurous; daring; (of an action) risky

♠ **venue** location; place (of a crime, trial, gathering, etc.); CF. come

♠ **veracious** (of a person) truthful

♠ **veracity** truthfulness; adherence to the truth

□ **verbalize** put into words; ADJ. verbal: of words; spoken rather than written; oral; of a verb

□ **verbatim** word for word; in the same words; repeating the actual words exactly

□ **verbiage** pompous array of words; too many unnecessary words; wordiness

□ **verbose** wordy; N. verbosity

♠ **verdant** green; covered with green plants or grass; lush in vegetation; Ex. verdant meadows

♡ **lush** (of a plant or grass) growing very well

♠ **verdigris** green coating or patina on copper which has been exposed to the weather

□ **verge** border; edge, rim, or margin; Ex. on the verge of; very near to; V: border on

♠ **verisimilar** having the appearance of truth or reality; probable or likely to be true; plausible

♠ **verisimilitude** appearance of truth; quality of appearing to be true or real; likelihood; Ex. verisimilitude of her performance as Lady Macbeth

♠ **veritable** being truly so; real or genuine; actual; not false or imaginary

□ **verity** quality of being true; lasting truth or principle; Ex. the verity of his testimony; Ex. one of the eternal verities

♠ **vernacular** living language (as compared to the official language); language spoken in a country or region; natural style; Ex. lapse into the vernacular

♠ **vernal** pertaining to spring

□ **versatile** having many talents; capable of working in many fields; having many uses or functions; N. versatility

□ **vertex** summit; highest point; PL. vertices

□ **vertigo** severe dizziness; giddiness

♠ **verve** enthusiasm (as in artistic performance or composition); liveliness; vigor

□ **vestige** trace; remains; Ex. vestiges of some ancient religion

♡ **veto** vested power to reject a bill; exercise of this right; V: prevent or forbid by exercising the power of veto

□ **vex** annoy; distress

□ **viable** capable of maintaining life; feasible; practical or workable; Ex. viable scheme

♠ **viand** food; CF. live

♠ **vicarious** experienced as if one were taking part in the experience of another; done by a deputy for other people; acting as a substitute; Ex. vicarious thrill at the movies; Ex. the vicarious sufferings of Christ

♡ **vicar** parish priest; representative

♠ **vicissitude** change (esp. from good to bad); change of fortune; CF. the last emperor of China

♠ **victuals** food; provisions; V. victual: provide with food

□ **vie** contend; compete

□ **vigilant** watchful; on the alert; watchfully awake; alert to spot danger; N. vigilance

♡ **vigil** keeping watch (during normal sleeping hours); Ex. all-night vigil

♡ **vigilante** one who without authority assumes law enforcement powers

□ **vigor** active strength; energy; enthusiasm; ADJ. vigorous

♠ **vignette** small drawing placed at the beginning or end of a chapter; picture; short literary sketch; short written description of a character or scene

♠ **vilify** slander; speak evil of; N. vilification

♠ **vindicate** clear from blame; free from blame or accusation (with supporting proof); exonerate; substantiate; justify or support; avenge; Ex. vindicate one's client; Ex. vindicate one's claim; CF. vindicator

♠ **vindictive** disposed to revenge; vengeful; out for revenge; spiteful; intended to cause harm; malicious; Ex. vindictive streak

♠ **vintner** wine merchant; winemaker; seller of wine

□ **viper** poisonous snake

□ **virile** manly; having masculine spirit or strength; full of strength

□ **virtual** in essence; existing in essence though not in actual form; for practical purposes; Ex. virtual ruler/space

□ **virtue** goodness; moral excellence; good quality; advantage; Ex. by virtue of; Ex. make a virtue of necessity

♠ **virtuoso** highly skilled artist (esp. in music); Ex. piano virtuoso

♠ **virulent** (of a disease or poison) extremely harmful or poisonous; (of a feeling) hostile; bitter; N. virulence; CF. virus; CF. venom

□ **virus** disease communicator

♠ **visage** face; appearance

♠ **visceral** felt in one's inner organs; N. viscera: internal body organs; CF. eviscerate

♠ **viscid** adhesive; gluey

□ **viscous** (of a liquid) thick and sticky; gluey; viscous; CF. consistency

♠ **vice** vice; tool for holding work in place; clamping device

♠ **visionary** produced by imagination; fanciful; mystical; showing foresight; N: one having foresight; one given to speculative impractical ideas

♡ **vision** eyesight; foresight; mental image produced by the imagination; experience of seeing the supernatural

□ **vital** full of life; animated; vibrant and lively; critical; of great importance; necessary to stay alive; of life; living; breathing; N. vitality; V. vitalize

♡ **vibrant** full of vigor or energy; vibrating

♠ **vitiate** spoil the effect of; make inoperative; corrupt morally

♠ **vitreous** of glass; pertaining to or resembling glass; V. vitrify: change into glass; CF. petrify

♠ **vitriolic** causing sharp pain to the mind; caustic; corrosive; sarcastic; of vitriol; N. vitriol: sulphuric acid (which burns flesh deeply); bitterly abusive expression; caustic expression; CF. glass

♠ **vituperative** abusive; scolding; V. vituperate: berate; scold; rail against abusively

♠ **vivacious** lively or animated; sprightly

♡ **sprightly** lively

□ **vivisection** act of dissecting living animals

♠ **vixen** female fox; ill-tempered woman; CF. shrew

□ **vociferous** clamorous; noisy; V. vociferate: cry out loudly (when complaining)

♠ **vogue** popular fashion; Ex. Jeans became the vogue.

♠ **volatile** changeable; of a quickly changing nature (as of temper); mercurial; tending to violence; evaporating rapidly; Ex. volatile character/situation in the street

□ **volition** act of using one's will; act of making a conscious choice; Ex. She selected this dress of her own volition.

□ **volatile** fluent; talkative; glib; N. volubility

♡ **volley** simultaneous discharge of a number of shots; V.

□ **voluminous** having great volume (as of a garment or container); bulky; large

♡ **bulk** size or volume (esp. when very large); main part; Ex. The bulk of the work has already been done; ADJ. bulky: having great size

♡ **voodoo** religion practiced chiefly in Haiti

□ **voracious** ravenous; eating large quantities of food; exceedingly eager; insatiable; Ex. voracious animal/reader

□ **vortex** whirlwind; whirlpool; center of turbulence; predilection into which one is inexorably plunged

♠ **vouchsafe** grant condescendingly; guarantee; Ex. vouchsafe your fair return on your investment

♡ **vouch** give a personal guarantee; Ex. I can vouch for his integrity; N. voucher

♠ **voyeur** Peeping Tom; person who derives sexual gratification from observing the sexual acts of others

□ **vulnerable** susceptible to wounds or attack; N. vulnerability

♠ **vulpine** like a fox; crafty

♡ **craft** skill (esp. with one's hands); skill in deceiving people; guile; ADJ. crafty: cleverly deceitful; cunning

♡ **vulture** carrion-eating birds

♡ **vying** contending; CF. vie

♠ **waffle** speak equivocally about an issue; N.

♠ **waft** move gently (in air or in seas) by wind or waves; Ex. leaves wafting past the window

♠ **waggish** humorous; mischievous; tricky

♡ **wag** shake repeatedly from side to side; Ex. The dog wagged its tail; N: humorous person; wit

♠ **waif** homeless child or animal; Ex. waifs and strays

□ **waive** give up temporarily; yield; N. waiver: waiving a right or claim; document that waives a right or claim

♠ **wake** trail of ship or other object through water; path of something that has gone before; Ex. hunger followed in the wake of the war

♠ **wallow** roll in mud; indulge in; (of a ship) roll in a rough sea; become helpless; Ex. wallow in the mud/luxury

♠ **wan** having a pale or sickly color; pallid

♠ **wanderlust** strong longing to travel

♠ **wane** decrease in size or strength (after being full); grow gradually to an end; Ex. The moon waxes and wanes every month; N.

♠ **wangle** achieve by cleverness or trick; wiggle out; fake; Ex. She tried to wangle an invitation to the party.

♡ **wiggle** wriggle; move from side to side with irregular twisting motions

♡ **fake** not genuine; N: one that is not genuine; impostor; sham; V: counterfeit; Ex. fake the results of the experiment/the signature

♠ **wanton** unrestrained; gratuitously cruel; willfully malicious; unchaste; sexually improper; promiscuous; Ex. wanton spending/killing; CF. having no just cause

♠ **warble** (of a bird) sing; babble; N.

♡ **warp** twist out of shape; N.

□ **warranted** justified; authorized

♡ **warrant** justification; written order that serves as authorization (esp. a judicial writ); Ex. search/death warrant; V: justify; guarantee

□ **warranty** guarantee; assurance by seller

♠ **warren** tunnels in which rabbits live; overcrowded living area; crowded conditions in which people live

□ **wary** very cautious; watchful

♠ **wastrel** waster; profligate

♠ **wax** increase gradually (as the moon); grow

♠ **waylay** ambush; lie in wait for and attack

♡ **ambush** act of lying in wait to attack by surprise; sudden attack made from a concealed position; Ex. lie in ambush; V.

♠ **wean** accustom a baby not to nurse; accustom (the young of a mammal) to take nourishment other than by suckling; give up a cherished activity; cause to gradually leave (an interest or habit); Ex. wean oneself from cigarettes

♠ **weather** pass safely through (a storm or difficult period); endure the effects of weather or other forces

♠ **welt** raised mark from a beating or whipping

♠ **welter** confusion; turmoil; confused mass; bewildering jumble; Ex. welter of data

♠ **welter** wallow (as in mud or high seas); lie soaked (as in blood); Ex. The victims weltered in their blood.

♠ **wheedle** deceive, persuade, or obtain by flattery; cajole; coax; Ex. wheedle a promise out of her

♠ **whelp** young animal (esp. of the dog or cat family); young wolf, dog, tiger, etc.

♠ **whet** sharpen; stimulate; Ex. whet someone's appetite

♠ **whiff** puff or gust (of air, scent, etc.); short-lasting smell; hint; Ex. whiff of perfume/scandal

♠ **whimsical** capricious; fanciful; amusingly strange

♡ **whim** sudden capricious idea; fancy

♡ **whimsy** whim; tendency to behave amusingly strangely; Ex. story full of whimsy

♠ **whinny** neigh like a horse; CF. neigh: make the sound which horses make

♠ **whit** small amount; smallest speck; Ex. not a whit of

♠ **whittle** pare; cut away thin bits (from wood); fashion in this way; reduce gradually; trim

♡ **pare** cut away the outer covering or skin of (with a knife); trim; Ex. pare apples/expenses

♠ **whorl** ring of leaves around stem; ring; circular arrangement; Ex. whorls on the fingers

□ **willful** wilful; intentional; headstrong

♡ **wilt** loose freshness; droop

□ **wily** crafty; cunning; artful; N. wile: deceitful stratagem

♠ **wince** move back suddenly; shrink back; flinch; Ex. She winced as she touched the cold body.

♡ **start** move suddenly or involuntarily; Ex. start at the sight of a snake

♠ **windfall** fallen fruit; unexpected lucky event

♠ **winnow** sift; separate the chaff from grain by blowing; separate good parts from bad; CF. wind

♡ **sift** put through a sieve to separate fine from coarse particles; sort or examine carefully

♠ **winsome** charming (in a childlike way); agreeable; gracious; engaging

♠ **wispy** thin; slight; barely discernible

♡ **wisp** small bunch (of hair); faint streak (of smoke)

♠ **wistful** sadly thoughtful (because of desires or memories); sadly pensive; vaguely longing

♠ **withdrawn** introverted; retiring; remote

♡ **remote** distant in manner; aloof

♠ **wither** (of a plant) dry up from loss of moisture; lose freshness; shrivel; decay

♡ **shriveled** make or become shrunken and wrinkled (often by drying)

♠ **withhold** refuse to give; hold back; Ex. withholding tax

□ **withstand** stand up against; resist successfully

□ **witless** lacking intelligence or wit; foolish; idiotic

♠ **witticism** witty saying; wisecrack(clever joking remark)

□ **wizardry** sorcery; magic

♠ **wizened** shriveled; withered; Ex. wizened apple/old lady

□ **woe** great sorrow; deep inconsolable grief; affliction; suffering; Ex. financial woes

♡ **woeful** sad; (of something bad) deplorable; deplorably bad; Ex. woeful housing conditions

♠ **wont** (the stated person's) habit or custom; habitual procedure; ADJ. wonted: customary

□ **worldly** engrossed in matters of this earth; not spiritual; of the material world

♠ **wrangle** quarrel noisily; obtain through arguing; herd cattle; N.

♡ **herd** group of animals; crowd; one who looks after a herd; Ex. shepherd/goatherd; Ex. herd instinct; Ex. herdsman; V: come together in a herd; look after a herd; Ex. herd cattle

□ **wrath** anger; fury

♠ **wreak** inflict; Ex. wreak one's vengeance on

□ **wrench** twist; pull; strain; Ex. He wrenched the gun out of her hands.

♠ **wrest** obtain by pulling violently; pull away; take by violence; Ex. wrest victory from their grasp

♠ **writ** written command issued by a court (telling someone to do or not to do something)

♠ **writhe** twist in coils; contort in pain

♠ **wry** (esp. of an expression of the face) twisted; with a humorous twist (expressing displeasure)

□ **xenophobia** fear or hatred of foreigners; N. xenophobe

♠ **yen** strong desire; longing; urge; Ex. yen for travel

♠ **yeoman** man or farmer owning small estate; middle-class farmer

□ **yield** amount produced; crop; income on investment; profit obtained from an investment; V: produce; give in; surrender

♠ **yoke** join together; unite; N: crossbar used to joining two draft animals

♠ **yokel** rustic; country bumpkin;

♠ **yore** time long past; Ex. in the days of yore

♠ **zany** comic; crazy; N: clown; comical person (given to outlandish behavior)

□ **zeal** eager enthusiasm (to a cause or ideal); ADJ. zealous

□ **zealot** one who is zealous; fanatic; person who shows excessive zeal

□ **zenith** point directly overhead in the sky; summit; acme; highest point

♠ **zephyr** gentle breeze; west wind